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MARGINAL COLUMN

By NISSIM REJWAN

THERE is nothing unexpected in the official Soviet News Agency's announcement yesterday that "complete agreement" has been reached by the Iraqi economic mission and the Soviet authorities on economic and technical cooperation between the two countries. The mission's assignment has been to continue on a higher level negotiations which were started in Baghdad by a Soviet trade and economic mission last January, when it was already known that the Iraqis intended to turn over to the Soviet Government most of the country's major development projects begun earlier by British and American firms. The prospective agreement will probably also include a provision granting the Russians the rights to drill for oil in Iraq's territorial waters. This, taken together with the long list of trade agreements which Baghdad has concluded with Communist countries, may complete the process of tying up Iraq's economy with that of the Soviet bloc.

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THIS process would not be so unusual were it not accompanied by certain moves and pronouncements asserting an alleged "community of interests"—both ideological and material — between the new Iraqi regime and the Communist countries. Upon his arrival in Moscow airport Dr. Ibrahim Kubba, the Minister of Economy, declared that his country shared the ideals of the Soviet Union, viz. "the defence of peace, freedom and independence," and that the two countries have the same enemy, imperialism, and are aligned in the same front — that of the free peoples the world over. The usually moderate "Al-Ahali," organ of the National Democratic Party, declaring that the prospective agreement with the Soviet Union would be similar to those which Moscow has been concluding with countries adhering to positive neutralism, described these agreements as being "sincere, completely unconditional, and free from anything which affects independence" — and this at a time when Western economic aid is being used as a means of depriving the recipient countries of their independence.

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THIS may sound familiar; indeed, there were times when Cairo was saying much the same sort of thing. Yet one cannot help detecting a certain difference. When Colonel Nasser decided to turn to Moscow for aid, he at least tried to create the impression of being driven to this by various outside pressures — the impossibility of getting arms elsewhere, the West's decision to withhold aid for the Aswan Dam, and the urge to prove to the Arab peoples that he was "independent." None of these pressures now seems to operate in Iraq, where the tendency to turn to Moscow is seen as a natural and even inevitable one. Before leaving for Moscow, Dr. Kubba — who was accompanied by two Cabinet Ministers and a team of experts — said his aim was to get the Russians to undertake a number of major projects, provide several teams of Soviet experts, and arrange for training Iraqi students and workers in the Soviet Union — and several other things besides.

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IT is a measure of the tremendous change in the West's attitude that all this has failed to produce the sort of excitement which would have been the natural reaction two years ago — such as the hubbub created in the summer of 1957 over Russian aid to Syria. It may well be that the realization is at last dawning on the Western Powers that only some sort of disengagement can help them out of the present turmoil. The West's remaining interests in the area now seem to be to secure oil supplies and to prevent Communist aggression. The system of military alliances in and around the Middle East is considered adequate to take care of the second objective while maintaining the regular flow of oil to Europe seems as much in the interest of the supplier countries as it is in that of the buyers. The prospect of Iraq's deciding to nationalize her oil industry is not only remote but has become much less fearful than it used to be.

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PROVIDED, of course, that the *status quo* is maintained in oil-rich Kuwait. This may not be as certain as it appears: Unconfirmed reports say that a secret Arab Communist meeting in Baghdad has been discussing ways of infiltrating the neighbouring Persian Gulf Sheikhdom.

Jerusalem, March 1.

Financial Accord Egypt's Chance For West Trade

CAIRO. — The Anglo-Egyptian financial agreement, involving £27m., was signed here on Saturday night, 40 days after it was initialled, Cairo Radio announced.

The final signing had been held up by Egyptian refusal to compensate the Smouha family whose building land was classified as "agricultural" by Cairo and evaluated much less than actually worth.

The Economic Secretary to the British Treasury, who had arrived to sign the agreement, earlier had talks with the U.A.R. Economy Minister, Abdul Munim Kaissouny.

Sydney Gampell, Reuter's Financial Editor, writes :

The agreement is a comprehensive settlement of outstanding claims. By clearing the slate it restores the trading and personal relations which have been severed since July, 1956, when Egypt nationalised the Suez Canal and Britain promptly froze Egypt's sterling balances.

As sterling and the British market are so important to Egypt, the settlement could well be the key to reviving her business with the West as a whole.

It will take time to work. A similar agreement between Egypt and France signed as long ago as last August has not yet come to much. But because of the wider scope of the British agreement and the unfreezing of the sterling balances, which are Egypt's main currency reserve, it is capable of bringing a more general thaw.

Egypt will be better able to sell her cotton and other goods in a world market for real money instead of by barter deals which come costly each way.

Since July, 1956, Egypt has been doing no business at all with Britain.

Time to Revive

Even with the best political background, it will take longer to revive a run-down Egyptian business than to re-occupy a house or flat, or to repossess a bank balance. Not every business will be revivable, but with any luck a good deal of business should revive.

Britons whose Egyptian properties were sequestrated (put under Egyptian administration) can go back and repossess or sell them. Those whose properties were Egyptianized (taken into Egyptian ownership) or whose sequestrated properties have been damaged, are to be partially compensated out of Egypt's lump-sum payment of £27.5m., mostly next year.

In effect, Egypt will have used a sizable fraction of her remaining sterling balances (though a very small fraction of her original post-war total of more than £440m.) to nationalize an assortment of British-owned banks and other businesses. Years ago, India, Argentina and other countries which had similar large war debts from Britain, used a part of them for similar nationalizations.

There is a mutual waiver of Egypt's claim for damage during the Suez operations and Britain's claim for the value of the Suez base.

If neither side has got all it wanted, both countries have the satisfaction of an agreed settlement. In the alternative course, if Britain had seized Egypt's money and Egypt had seized the British property, both countries would have been heavy losers and the mutual grab would have been an ill-service to the world.

That is the reason why the President of the World Bank went to such pains to help the two countries reconcile their differences.

Makarios to Cyprus: EOKA Gets Amnesty

ROME. — Archbishop Makarios, the Greek Cypriot leader, arrived here on Saturday on his way to a triumphant welcome in Nicosia where he is due to arrive on Sunday (today) after having signed the London agreement on independence for the island.

In Cyprus, British civilians have been warned to keep out of the way of the celebrations and all British servicemen will be confined to barracks from 9 p.m. until further notice.

At the same time, announcement was made in Nicosia of an amnesty for members of the Greek Cypriot underground movement, EOKA, including a safe conduct to Athens for the leader, Col. George Grivas, whose partisan name was "Dhigenis." Under the terms of the amnesty, 83 EOKA prisoners classed as lesser offenders were released on Saturday.

Plane for Grivas

The authorities in Cyprus have ordered a special R.A.F. plane put on a 24-hour standby basis to fly Col. Grivas to Greece. The British Military Attache in Athens, Brig. James Johnson, was ordered to Nicosia in hopes of speeding the underground leader's departure. The Governor, Sir Hugh Foot, had announced that although Col. Grivas was born in Cyprus, he is a Greek national and must live in Greece at least until Cyprus independence becomes final.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Lennox Boyd, conferred with the Governor and senior advisers and later met members of the Executive Council and both Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders. He will leave on Sunday for London a few hours before Makarios arrives.

The Greek Orthodox Archbishopric in Nicosia ordered next Monday to be observed as a holiday in celebration of Makarios' return.

The Archbishop's plane returned to London airport a few minutes after it took off because of a defective engine on the Olympic Airways airliner. He left with his party later on another plane which came from Frankfurt.

Storm in a Teacup

ATHENS (Reuter). — A Government Party Deputy threw a cup at a left-wing Deputy who criticized the Cyprus agreement in Parliament on Saturday, injuring him in the head and causing suspension of the session.

The left-winger, Mr. Elias Bredimas, speaking in the closing stages of a week-long debate on the agreement, had said that not only members of the Government, but those who are over them — apparently a hint at the King — were "traitors."

At this point, while King Paul's daughters, Princesses Sophia and Irene, watched from the royal box, Mr. Bredimas reeled under a blow from the flying cup.

When parliament resumed after the suspension, Mr. Elias Tsiamoko, leader of the Democratic Party to which Mr. Bredimas belongs, expressed regret at the altuation to the King, but complained of Government deputies' "aggressive and unjustified attitude."

Government members also expressed regret at the incident.

Thank-Offerings On Menderes' Return

ISTANBUL (Reuter).—Prime Minister Adnan Menderes was welcomed by vast crowd on Thursday night on his return from Britain where he survived an air crash 11 days ago.

Thousands of sheep, cows and camels were sacrificed by the roadside as Mr. Menderes passed along a 16-kilometre route from Yesilkoy Airport to the centre of Istanbul.



Segni Wins With Rightist Support

ROME (Reuter). — Mr. Antonio Segni won a vote of confidence by a comfortable margin in the Chamber of Deputies Friday night when he presented his all-Christian Democrat Party Cabinet with rightist support.

The vote was 333 to 248.

The right-wing Monarchist, neo-Fascist and Liberal parties voted for him. The Communists, Socialists and Social Democrats, with various other minority parties to the left, voted against.

The Government's programme is support for Western alliances, both military and economic, and social progress at home within the framework of the constitution. Mr. Segni has accused Socialists and Communists of working against Western solidarity.

Tito and Nasser Ask For Aid Through U.N.

BELGRADE (Reuter). —President Tito of Yugoslavia and Abdul Nasser called on Saturday for international economic aid for under-developed countries to eliminate a permanent source of instability and a serious danger for world peace and the independence of many countries.

The Yugoslav and U.A.R. Chiefs of State said in a joint declaration that they would support the granting of international aid to under-developed countries without any political conditions and primarily through the U.N. The declaration was issued here and in Aleppo, Syria, at the end of a nine-day visit by President Tito to the U.A.R.

It expressed great concern over the arms race and said concrete steps should be taken without delay for disarmament and cessation of nuclear experiments and a ban on the use of nuclear weapons.

Marshal Tito sails from Latakia this weekend for Greece where he is to have talks on Monday with Premier Karamanlis.

Soviet Trawler Boarded Off Newfoundland

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The U.S. is reserving the right to claim damages from Russia if investigations show that a Soviet fishing boat damaged transatlantic cables off Newfoundland, State Department officials said on Saturday.

The U.S. on Friday night sent Russia a formal note advising the Kremlin that U.S. sailors boarded the trawler Novorossiisk on Thursday after it was detected operating in the vicinity of five recent cable breaks.

TASS, the official Soviet news agency, immediately branded the American action as "unlawful," and the New York correspondent of "Pravda" called it an "illegal act." The U.S. note had pointed out that the inspection of the trawler's log and equipment was made under the terms of an international convention for the protection of submarine cables, first drawn up in 1884, and later ratified by the Soviet Union.

Entitled to Payment

American officials said that even if the Russian trawler damaged the cables unintentionally, the U.S. still would be justified in claiming damages on behalf of American cable companies.

Meanwhile, it was reported from Manila that the Philippine naval authorities on Saturday detained five Russian vessels which dropped anchor a mile off the shore of the northern province of Ilocos Norte. They comprised three cargo ships and two trawlers and an investigation is being made as to why they were in Philippine territorial waters.

Macmillan in Final Effort For East-West Parley

Khrushchev to Negotiate Peace Treaty in Leipzig

LEIPZIG, East Germany (Reuter). — Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Prime Minister, will probably negotiate with the East German Government on a separate peace treaty with East Germany when he visits the Leipzig Fair on Wednesday or Thursday, a Soviet Embassy spokesman said on Saturday.

But a peace treaty will not be signed, he added.

In Washington, U.S. officials described the statement as too vague to merit considered reaction at this time. The Western powers would refuse to accept any peace treaty which the Soviet Union might sign with East Germany, it was stated.

'No Need' to Reinforce U.S. Troops in Germany

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — A Defence Department spokesman has declared that any decision to reinforce U.S. forces in Europe in view of the Berlin crisis would be a secret order of the U.S. joint Chiefs of Staff.

He said he was not aware of any such instruction.

The spokesman had been asked to comment on a report in "Le Monde" of Paris that the U.S. was seriously considering sending reinforcements to Europe and that the Strategic Air Command might be alerted.

The spokesman added: "Our forces in Europe are in a position to meet many eventualities to support our policy of firmness in the face of Soviet actions — that is what they are there for."

Brighter Hopes for Conference

LENINGRAD (UPI). — British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan on Saturday issued a last-minute appeal for East-West negotiations with a warning that "hopes for peace are not enough."

Apparently replying to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's protestations that the Soviet Union has no warlike intentions, Mr. Macmillan firmly reiterated his call for negotiations on Berlin and other disputes.

"Hopes for peace are not enough," he told officials and citizens when he arrived here from Kiev. "We must work for peace."

Mr. Macmillan's declaration underlined rising Western hopes that his mission here might still lead to some sort of East-West negotiations before the Soviet Union's May 27 deadline for handing Berlin lifelines over to East German control.

But time was running out. Only one more formal meeting remains (on Monday) with Mr. Khrushchev before Mr. Macmillan returns home and reports to the allies, possibly in person to President Eisenhower in Washington.

Need to Understand

Speaking at Leningrad airport of the need to "work" lest war break out, Mr. Macmillan said: "The first essential is the understanding of each other's point of view. That is why I accepted the invitation to come here. There are many differences between our people, but they are small to what we have in common. We [illegible] ed interest in peace."

"We fought together to win the war and now let us fight together for peace," he said. "If there is some possibility of better understanding of each other, my visit will not have been in vain."

After considerable gloom following an aggressive Khrushchev speech last Tuesday, hopes were now rising that some diplomatic success might still be scored. Western quarters felt a stronger likelihood that some sort of negotiations might be arranged before the Berlin hand-over deadline.

This factor may have been underscored by the sudden arrival here of First Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan this morning to escort Mr. Macmillan during the latter's Leningrad visit.

Mr. Mikoyan's presence, not scheduled previously, was seen as a gesture of goodwill following Mr. Khrushchev's abrupt decision not to accompany Mr. Macmillan because of toothache.

The decision to dispatch Mr. Khrushchev's top deputy to Leningrad, however, coincided with publication of a bitter election speech by Mr. Mikoyan in the Don River city of Rostov.

"One usually starts with the sharp dishes and ends up with something sweet," Mr. Mikoyan said. "But our English guests in their talks did just the opposite — they started with the dessert and then went on to the bitter dishes."

British sources in Moscow bridled at this. They said it was the Russians who talked sweetly and then delivered the sudden bombshell in Mr. Khrushchev's Tuesday speech which rejected Foreign Ministers' talks on Berlin.

One British official accused Mr. Mikoyan of trying to pin the blame on Mr. Macmillan for deterioration of the summit atmosphere after Mr. Khrushchev's speech. British quarters also said they wanted it understood that while Mr. Khrushchev spoke of a non-aggression pact on Tuesday, the Soviet side had made no formal proposals for such an Anglo-Soviet alliance.

The British view was that a non-aggression pact by itself would not be "relevant" to the "grave" issues facing the world, an official said. He agreed, however, with Mr. Mikoyan when the latter said Mr. Macmillan had taken a firm line on the Berlin crisis.

Mr. Macmillan was greeted here by Mayor Nigolai Smirnov, who in his welcoming speech referred to the common struggle in the last war.

Prevent Repetition

"The people of Leningrad and all the people of the Soviet Union will do everything possible to prevent the repetition of another war," he said.

He said he has great respect and admiration for the English people and their contribution to the material and cultural welfare of mankind.

It was a bright, sunny day such as seldom occurs in Leningrad at this time of the year. "The brightness of today symbolizes not only the warmth and friendliness of our people but the desire to contribute to a better understanding," Mr. Smirnov said.

In his reply, Mr. Macmillan paid tribute to the city's heroism during the war, and its peacetime cultural and artistic achievements.

Referring to the war, Mr. Macmillan said: "During the terrible days of the siege we were linked together in suffering, so we must work together for peace."

Crowds estimated up to 20,000 applauded him at the airport and along the road to his residence.

Beirut Christians, Moslems Clash

BEIRUT. — The authorities on Saturday banned newsreel pictures of Abdul Nasser to prevent a repetition of clashes between Christians and Moslems in which on the previous day two persons were killed and 10 wounded.

Police rounded up 50 persons for questioning about the fight between pro- and anti-Nasser factions that broke out when Nasser's picture appeared on the screen of the Hollywood cinema.

Streets were soon deserted and shopkeepers put up shutters as sporadic firing began in Basta, the Moslem quarter of the city. Onlookers dived for shelter as bursts of machinegun fire came from the approaches to the Moslem quarter.

The city was quiet on Friday night and the San Francisco Ballet gave an evening performance, though two armoured cars stood guard outside the theatre facing the Basta quarter. Other armed troops were stationed at strategic points and police cars collected the crews of British warships who were on shore leave.

Premier Rashid Karameh said in a Radio statement the Government was determined to strike at anyone harming the country's security. The State Security Council met to consider the situation and the Arab News Agency said Moslem leaders had been in contact with the Government in an effort to avoid clashes.

UPI, Reuter)

Armed Whites Patrol Blantyre

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (UPI). — Police and White volunteers armed with rifles patrolled the streets of Blantyre, in Nyasaland, on Saturday in the wake of a new outbreak of violence.

The city, the commercial centre of the territory, was quiet, but workmen ringed the main jail and security posts with barbed wire in anticipation of possible new riots by the native population.

The patrols, the first to carry arms in the city, were ordered out Friday afternoon when jeering Africans stoned riot police in Market Square.

A mob tried to storm the court house at Matope, on the road to Ncheu, but were driven off by troops of the King's African Rifles, who killed one African and wounded three others with four shots fired into the crowd.

The Africans had been trying to free two officials of the African National Congress on trial in the court house. The troops used their rifles after police failed to drive the mob back with tear gas.

Another incident occurred at Zomba, where 300 natives shouting "Freedom" gathered when two African women were acquitted of charges of unlawful assembly. Spotter planes of the Royal Rhodesian Air Force were ordered into the air over the town, but no further trouble developed.

Southern Rhodesia, where a state of emergency is in effect, was quiet and a Government spokesman reported: "Everything is going according to plan. There have been no incidents."

Police are still searching for African National Congress leaders who escaped a dragnet ordered earlier this week. Officials said they may have slipped across the border into Mozambique.

U.S. to Help Poland

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The U.S. will shortly begin talks with Poland on economic aid and on settlement of U.S. claims against the Polish Government, the State Department announced on Friday.

Unconfirmed reports said the U.S. would probably agree to sell Poland about $80m. worth of surplus agricultural products and also extend credits of about $15m for Polish purchases of American industrial equipment. Total claims of U.S. citizens and firms against Poland run to hundreds of millions of dollars, officials said.

'Full Understanding' In Soviet-Iraqi Talks

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Talks on economic and technical cooperation between Russia and Iraq — which began in the Kremlin on Friday — reached "full mutual understanding and unity of views with regard to all questions," TASS reports.

Joint groups were set up to prepare proposals to be considered by both sides, the agency added.

Meir, Dag Survey M.E. Situation

Foreign Minister Golda Meir, accompanied by Mr. Yosef Tekoah, Deputy Permanent Representative of Israel at the U.N., met for an hour on Saturday morning with Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold at U.N. Headquarters.

According to INA, they were reported to have made a general survey of the current Middle East situation.

In Jerusalem, the trespassing of Arab-owned herds on Israel's Northern and North-eastern borders was discussed on Friday at a meeting between the U.N. Chief of Staff, General Carl von Horn, and Dr. Abraham Biran, Director of the Foreign Ministry's Armistice Affairs Division, at the latter's request.

Political sources in Jerusalem believe that this matter should be dealt with by the U.N. with great urgency as such border crossings are a constant cause of unrest.

In this connection it is recalled that Mr. Dag Hammarskjold on Thursday announced that his proposal of last month that the borders should be marked has been accepted by Israel and the U.A.R., although nothing has been done yet to implement it. These sources reiterated that if the border were clearly marked, the number of illegal crossings would be considerably reduced.

It is assumed that the recent talks between the Prime Minister and Gen. von Horn on methods to reduce tension on the Syrian border will be discussed when Mr. Ben-Gurion confers with the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee on Tuesday morning.

Norway to Expand UNEF Contingent

OSLO (Reuter). — Norway will increase her contingent with UNEF from 555 to 605 men in the six-month period beginning on April 1, it was announced here on Friday.

Plans to organize the Norwegian and Danish contingents as separate units instead of as a combined Danor battalion are under consideration.

The Norwegian Defence Minister, Mr. Nils Handal, and the Army Commander in Chief, Gen. B.O. Christophersen, will fly to Gaza on March 6 to inspect the contingent.

Two Marauders From Lebanon Held

Two infiltrators from the Lebanon were seized by an Israel patrol near the northern border road on Saturday, it is learned. They are being held for interrogation.

The Army spokesman has announced that, late Friday evening, an Israel patrol encountered near Nir Yitzhak a group of marauders who had entered Israel territory from the Gaza Strip.

The patrol pursued the invaders.

In the course of the chase, the patrol met with three persons who were asked to identify themselves. When it was ascertained that they were members of a U.N.E.F. patrol, they were allowed to continue on their way to their post while the Israel unit resumed patrolling.

Dag Off on Tour Of Asia, Moscow

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). —Secretary-General Hammarskjold was due to leave for Paris by air on Saturday night on the first leg of a month-long tour which will take him to nine Asian capitals in addition to Moscow, where he will stay for three days.

Mr. Hammarskjold has specifically dissociated his planned talks with Soviet leaders from the German crisis, but diplomatic sources here now believe it inevitable that the issue come up in the conversations.

Mr. Hammarskjold is expected to benefit particularly from talks with Asian leaders in Karachi, Rangoon, Bangkok, Vietiane, Phnompenh, Kuala Lumpur, Katmandu, New Delhi and Kabul — the nine capitals he will visit before going to Moscow.

His present plans call for his return to New York on March 28 and it appears probable he will make trips to Paris and London, at the first opportunity after the Moscow visit, besides having early contact with the U.S. Secretary of State.

Rountree : U.S. Seeking Stable M-E Arrangement

MACON, Georgia (INA). — The U.S. would continue to seek some basis for a more stable arrangement among the Middle East states involved in the controversy that has gone on since Israel's establishment, the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Mr. William Rountree, said here on Friday.

Speaking before the Macon Civilian Club, he said the prospect of a "real solution" of the Israel-Arab problem was remote because of the current attitudes. But he hoped that the U.S. would "be able to continue progress towards achieving a more stable peace in the Middle East."

He pointed out that the Arabs now have a new awareness of the Communist threat in their region, which endangers their independence.

Avalanche Claims Fourteen Lives

ANKARA (AFP).— Fourteen persons, including five women and four children, were killed on Friday when an avalanche buried part of a village in Eastern Turkey. Other deaths were reported throughout Turkey as a result of a severe cold wave which has hit that country. Reports also spoke of wolves having been sighted in some of the suburbs of Ankara.

Gunmen Attack Castro's Home

HAVANA (UPI). — Unidentified gunmen shot up the home of Premier Fidel Castro on Cojimar Beach Friday night, and police promptly clamped tight security precautions on Havana.

Castro was not at home at the time of the shooting, and so far as is known no one was injured.

8 Die As Ice Rink Roof Collapses

LISTOWELL, Ontario (Reuter). — The roof of an ice-skating arena here collapsed under the weight of snow on Saturday, killing seven children and one adult, and injuring at least nine other children.

6 Italian 'Falstaff' Cast Hurt

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Six members of the Italian opera group appearing with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra were injured late Friday night, three seriously, in an automobile accident here when the group was returning from the Dan Hotel.

The three seriously injured include Mmes. Oralia Dominques, Fernanda Cadoni, and Mr. Mario Carlin, who are suffering from concussion and head injuries.

The other three include the prompter, Mr. Luigi Morosini, and Mr. Enrico Campi, who were only slightly injured and received first aid treatment, and Mr. Mercuriali, who is expected to be discharged from hospital on Monday or Tuesday. The first three are expected to be kept for "a longer period."

The injury of the singers caused cancellation of Saturday night's farewell performance of the opera "Falstaff."

The group was in a taxi on Keren Kayemet Blvd. at Ben Yehuda Street when an Army jeep coming from the opposite direction struck it, hurling the passengers onto the sidewalk.

LIVES THROUGH 19-STOREY FALL

NEW YORK (Reuter). — Emil Swiesy, 23, plunged 19 storeys from a 26-storey building in the heart of Manhattan on Saturday — and lived.

Swiesy, who fell from the top floor, crashed through the top of a huge 10,000-gallon water tank level with the seventh floor and floated semi-conscious to the surface where police found him clutching the rim.

He was rushed to hospital, where he was reported to be in a critical condition, with severe head and internal injuries.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The U.S. on Saturday launched its first Discoverer satellite designed to go into orbit over both the North and South poles.

Algerian Rebels Lose 852 in Week

ALGIERS (Reuter).—French troops killed or captured 852 insurgents in operations in Algeria from February 16 to 22, the official weekly "Semaine en Algérie," said here on Saturday.

It said that in the same period 30 French soldiers were killed. It added that French troops seized 372 weapons. As a result of terrorism, 23 Moslems and seven Europeans were killed.



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The funeral will take place at 3 p.m. at Nahariya.

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An honoured citizen of Nahariya, and one of its founders and builders.

The funeral will take place at Nahariya today, Sunday, March 1, 1959, at 3 p.m.

The funeral will leave from the main entrance at Sderot Ga'ston, near the railway station.

With deepest sorrow we announce the sudden death of our beloved

Dr. Hans Nathan

(formerly of Jerusalem)

Lotte NATHAN
Esther (nee (Nathan),
Yadin FRUMKIN
and Grandchildren
Felix and Erna NATHAN
Anne DAUS

The funeral will take place at the Kfar Shmaryahu Cemetery, at 3 p.m. today, Sunday, March 1.

A bus will leave Hermann Cafe at 2.40 p.m.

Please abstain from visits.

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Social & Personal

The Minister of Religious Affairs, Rabbi Y.M. Toledano, on Friday spoke at the Tel Aviv Commercial and Industrial Club on "The Religious and Historic Aspects of Commerce in Israel."

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Visitors to the Hebrew University on Friday included Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kromberg, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. S. Emil Holland, of Hewlett, New York; and Miss Esther Mains, of Montreal.

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Members of the Minneapolis United Jewish Appeal, Young Executive Mission, Mr. and Mrs. N. Bud Grossman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Karatz, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rikess and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Evans, on Friday, visited immigrant housing projects in Holon and Bat Yam.

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Mr. Morris Catchman, the President of "Paradise" Mattress and Couch Co. Ltd., Tel Aviv, and owner of "Superior" Furniture Manuf. Co. of Houston, Texas, U.S.A., arrived in Israel last Friday.

Amihud Goor Off To Rome for F.A.O.

The Director of the Forestry Department in the Ministry of Agriculture, Mr. Amihud Goor, left on Thursday for a three-month visit to Rome at the invitation of the Food and Agriculture Organization. Mr. Goor was appointed as member of the F.A.O. panel that will prepare the report on afforestation in the Mediterranean area.

Dr. Shimon Kelly Dead At 60

Dr. Shimon Kelly, former Medical Adviser to the Ministry of Justice, who last year was found guilty of issuing false medical certificates, died Thursday in England of a heart attack. He was 60.

The Jerusalem District Court last year found Dr. Kelly guilty of complicity in a draft-dodging ring and fined him IL5,000. It was learned that, by his request, his body will be brought to Israel for burial.

Dr. Kelly came to this country from England in 1948. He also was a lecturer in forensic medicine at the Hebrew University Law School, but resigned after charges were filed against him.

Dr. Hans Nathan, Dentist, is Dead

KFAR SHMARYAHU. — Dr. Hans Nathan, one of the leading and most respected residents of this village, died on Friday.

Dr. Nathan was a veteran Zionist who began his career in the movement while still a student in Germany. He came to Palestine in 1933 and settled in Jerusalem where he established a dental practice. Six years ago he moved to this village.

His only son fell at Kfar Etzion, in the early part of the War of Liberation.

Dr. Nathan is survived by his wife and daughter, Mrs. Yadin Frumkin. The funeral will take place at the Kfar Shmaryahu Cemetery on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Israel Berman Dies at Age 82

TEL AVIV. — Israel Berman, veteran member of the Bessarabian Zionist movement and long-time teacher and author in Israel, died here on Thursday night after a short illness at the age of 82. He was buried on Friday in the Nahlat Yitzhak Cemetery. Among the many who attended the funeral were the Minister of Police, Mr. B. Shitrit, judges and senior police officers. His son Yitzhak is a senior police officer.

PARTS OF a human skeleton were discovered on Friday by children playing in the sand near Zahala.

LYDDA FLIGHTS

ARRIVALS: El Al 422 from Munich and Vienna, 4.55. El Al 406 from Istanbul, 1630. Air France 188 from Tokyo, Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, Karachi and Teheran, 1700. B.E.A. 126 from London, Rome and Athens, 2250. El Al 210 from N.Y., Paris and Rome, 2355. Swissair 323 from Zurich and Athens, 0055. (Monday).

DEPARTURES: T.W.A. 741 to Athens, Rome, Zurich, Frankfurt and N.Y. 0645. El Al 405, to Istanbul, 0650. B.E.A. 129, to Athens, Zurich and London, 0830. Alitalia 409 to Rome, 1250. El Al 201 to Athens, Zurich, London and N.Y., 1800. Air France 193, to Rome and Paris, 1830.

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LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post March 1, 1959

In the Supreme Court Sitting as High Court of Justice

Before Justices Agranat, Landau and Witkon.

Vera Shostack, Petitioner, v. The Nahariya Local Council, Respondents (H.C. 146/58).

Assessed Social Welfare Charge Invalid

The High Court made absolute an order nisi calling on the respondents to show cause why they should not cancel their decision to impose an assessed social welfare charge on the petitioner.

Mrs. Shostack, the petitioner, is the owner of a pension in Nahariya. In accordance with a by-law made by the Nahariya Local Council in 1957, the owners of hotels and pensions must collect a social welfare charge from each of their guests. The by-law provides further that the owner shall specify the amount of the social welfare charge in each guest's bill; or, in the event that the guests are not given written accounts, then the owner shall pay the charge to the council in accordance with his own books or, finally, if the owner does not keep books at all or if he does not keep them in a manner satisfactory to the Chairman of the Local Council, then he shall pay the Council a charge as assessed by an assessing committee or an appeals committee.

Mrs. Shostack did not give her guests written accounts, did not keep books to the satisfaction of the Chairman of the Local Council and, in fact, in accordance with her own story, did not add any social welfare charge to the payment she received from her guests. The assessing committee consequently assessed her income for the year 1957/8 at IL8,000 and imposed a social welfare charge of IL800 on her.

She objected to this and petitioned the High Court for an order nisi, her counsel arguing, among other things, that the by-law is ultra vires, section 9(1) of the Local Councils Ordinance, which states that: "A Local Council shall have power... to issue by-laws for the securing of health, order and internal administration... and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power such by-laws may include provision for the imposition and collection of rates, fees, charges and contributions authorised under section 5 of this Ordinance."

The order nisi was granted on September 22, 1958. On the Return Day Mr. S. Ben David appeared for the petitioner, Mr. Y. Yechiel for the respondents and Mr. Landau, Deputy State Attorney, for the Attorney-General.

Judgment

Justice Witkon, who delivered the main judgment of the High Court, Justice Agranat concurring, first considered Mr. Ben David's argument that the Nahariya by-law is ultra vires section 9 of the Local Councils Ordinance. In accordance with this section, he said, by-laws may include provision for the imposition of charges authorised under section 5 of the ordinance, which enables local councils to levy, among other things, the same charges as municipal councils may impose, and municipal councils may impose a social welfare charge on the sums paid by guests for accommodation and food at pensions and hotels on condition that no such charges shall be made except under a by-law made in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance. Mr. Ben David had argued, however, continued Justice Witkon, that section 9 of the Local Councils Ordinance should be interpreted as meaning that local councils may include fiscal provisions only in such by-laws whose purpose it is to secure health, order and internal administration, and that the concern for social welfare cases does not come under any of these headings.

He would not hesitate to say that the care of the needy is an administrative act aimed at the general good. Furthermore, "health, order and internal administration" are very broad concepts and he had no doubt that the general state of health and order could be affected by the multiplication of hungry and neglected beggars.

But it is possible to arrive at the same conclusion by the method professed by Justice Agranat, he continued, and that is by considering the second part of section 9 of the Ordinance as being entirely independent of the first part. But even if the second part of the section were to be regarded as subject to the first part, then the terms of section 8 of the Ordinance would serve to emancipate it from the bondage of the first part. For it is not feasible, he continued, that the legislator should have empowered local councils to levy social welfare charges on condition that they do so under by-laws, without at the same time empowering the councils to make such by-laws, and, in his opinion, there is no cause or necessity for interpreting the law in such a way as to lead to its frustration.

Turning next to the petitioner's argument that an owner of a pension or hotel who had not collected the social welfare charge from his guests might possibly be charged with a criminal contravention of the law, but cannot possibly be required to pay the charge from his own pocket, Justice Witkon said that the flaw in this argument lies in the fact that the social welfare charge is not actually levied on the guest but on the cost of his accommodation and food; so that although it usually redounds on the guest it is in fact collected from the person who provides the accommodation and food — i.e., from the pension- or hotel-keeper. If the latter, for some reason or other, refrains from adding the social welfare charge to his guests' bill, this does not relieve him of the duty of paying it. Any other interpretation of the law, he continued, would be invalid in that it would contain an element of preference for the law-breaker over the law-observer and make it very difficult for the latter to compete commercially with the former.

In considering the petitioner's third argument — that the Council had no authority to set up an assessing committee and an appeals committee as it is the duty of the ordinary courts to assess the charge in cases of disputes — Justice Witkon said that the only section of the Local Councils Ordinance upon which the respondents could have relied when setting up assessing and appeals committees is section 5(2). This provides that "the order under which a local council is constituted may include provision for the assessment of rates and other sums... and all matters incidental to such assessment." However, he continued, an examination of the order under which the Nahariya Local Council was constituted in 1950 reveals that no provision was made in it for the establishment of an assessing committee or an appeals committee in connection with the assessment of charges. The assessment made by the assessing committee in the present case is therefore null and void and the respondents may not act in accordance therewith. To this extent then, and subject to the remaining principles established in his judgment, the order nisi should, held Justice Witkon, be made absolute.

Justice Landau

Justice Landau concurred with Justice Witkon in all except his interpretation of section 9(1) of the Local Councils Ordinance. He agreed with Mr. Ben David, he said, that this section should be construed as meaning that by-laws for the securing of health, order and internal administration may include provision for the imposition and collection of rates, fees, charges and other contributions as authorised under section 5, but only in connection with securing health, order and internal administration. Nor did he see any possibility, he continued, of including social welfare charges under matters of health and order, and he was doubtful whether they could be included under matters of internal administration. Nor did he think that any conclusions should be drawn from the fact that section 5 enables the levying of such charges as a municipal council may impose, for the municipal councils may impose a plethora of rates and charges and the fact that they may also impose a social welfare charge might have escaped the attention of the legislator.

The order nisi was made absolute.

Judgment given on February 18, 1959.

Exchange Adds 300 New Lines

KIRYAT SHMONA. — The Director-General of the Ministry of Posts on Friday inaugurated a new post office building and telephone exchange here.

The new exchange provides for 200 lines with an additional 50 lines each at Neot Mordecai and Beit Hillel. Previously all of Upper Galilee was served by only 50 lines.



ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME

322, 340, 313 & 41.7 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.30, 7.00 and 7.55 a.m., 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 11.00 p.m.

English: 2.00 p.m. French: 2.15 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service (R). 6.37 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.17 Morning Melodies. 8.00 Close Down.

11.00 a.m. Popular Concert. 12.00 Women's Programme. 12.15 Lunchtime Music. 1.00 Military Bands. 1.30 Immigrants' Corner. 1.45 Where to Go? 1.50 Light Music. 3.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. News broadcasts in Serbo-Croat, English, Swedish and Spanish. 5.00 Popular Songs and Melodies. 5.30 Oriental Music. Request Programme. 6.00 Youth Corner. 6.30 Daily Mebrew. 6.35 Interlude. 6.40 Sports. 7.30 Let's Sing a new Song. 7.35 "Gentlemen, the Press." 8.00 Thirty days after the death of Y. Sprinzak. 8.50 Bible Reading. Yehezkel, Chap. 29 & 30. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Concert by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. 10.15 Light Music. 10.45 "At the Piano." 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

422, 480, 202.7, 41.7 & 25.5 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.00 Music for Sunday. 6.45 Tunes by D. Ellington.

7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Mograbit. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 Rumanian. 9.15 Hungarian. 9.30 Polish. 9.45 News in English 10.00 Close Down.

ARABIC PROGRAMME

497 & 41.01 M.

Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30-7.15 a.m., 1.15-2.15 and 5.30-11.15 p.m. Persian 8.15 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.3 M.):

Programme to South Africa: 6.30 News. 6.40 "Sunday Column" — Walter Eytan. 6.45 "How it feels to be a Goy." excerpts from a public lecture given by R. Graves.

Programme to the U.K.: 10.15 News. 10.32 "Sunday Column" — Walter Eytan. 10.50 "Land of the Bible."

ARMY PROGRAMME (48.4, 216, 225 & 235 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs. 7.00 News. 7.15 Sports. 7.45 "Star of the Evening." 8.00 Light Music. 8.30 "Musical Key." 9.00 News. 9.15 "Pleasant Tune." 9.30 Weekly Announcements. 10.00 Dance Music. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (19.66, 16.86, 13.92, 13.82M.): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News. News Talk. International Commentary. Britain in Science, Trade and Industry.

MUSIC U.S.A. (19 & 25 M.): Voice of America. 9.00-11.00 p.m. Light music & jazz.

CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE — English Programme (434 & 476 M.): News: 7.45 a.m., 1.30, 7.00 p.m. 7.10 Books worth reading — talk. 7.30 Piano Recital by K. Long. 10.00 Bab Browning in "The Chronicles of Clovis." 10.10 Concert of Music by Thomas Morley. 10.40 The San Remo Festival Orchestra. 11.00 News.

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S.S. Amal Joins Merchant Fleet

HAIFA. — A new freighter, the s.s. Amal, ran up the Israel flag in Hamburg on Thursday. She entered her working life by loading cargo at Bremen a day later.

The 4,350-ton ship is owned jointly by the Atid Navigation Company and the Kibbutz Me'uhad Investment Company. She is a sister ship of the "Atid" and like her was built in Germany from Reparation Funds. The new ship brings the total deadweight tonnage of the merchant fleet to just over 282,000.

The Amal is the third of four ships which the partnership will operate. The others are the Atid and the Palmach. The Palyam is scheduled to be commissioned this spring.

The Amal's cruising speed is just over 14 knots. Her crew consists of about 30 men. Most of her officers are foreigners as there are still not enough Israel officers to man the mounting number of vessels.

The Amal will make her maiden voyage to Haifa and arrive here about mid-March with a cargo of reparation goods and other goods. Her future trips are not yet set.

"The slump in the shipping business is still severe and there will be a dearth of cargo for the Amal and our other ships. Current freight rates are too low to cover interest and depreciation on the investment," Mr. Sol Adler, member of the Atid Navigation management, stated on Friday.

He called the tight credit another serious handicap for shipping "which must be regarded as an export industry."

Mr. Adler called it an anomaly that the oranges carried in the holds of the ship should earn the growers a premium, while the shipowner who had made a substantial investment and faces commercial risks no less than the planter, should get for his dollar only the IL1,800 exchange rate.

65% of Immigrants To Development Areas

TEL AVIV. — Sixty-five per cent of the immigrants now coming to Israel will be settled in development areas, the head of the Jewish Agency's Absorption Department, Mr. Yehuda Braginsky, said at a symposium on the subject of the wave of immigration from Eastern Europe at the Z.O.A. House. The others will be going to the outskirts of the main towns and cities.

As for dwellings, Mr. Braginsky said that asbestos houses would be built, while huts that have already been used will be repaired.

Mr. Simha Babeh, M.K., proposed that private builders should be encouraged to put up dwellings for the new immigrants. He said he assumed there would be many persons willing to invest in such projects.

Mr. Idov Cohen, M.K., said that Rumanian Jewry itself had helped to bring about the present emigration from that country. *(Itim)*

Body of Beersheba Flood Victim Found

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The body of Shimon Marwani, 38, who was swept away in the flash flood at Wadi Beersheba a week ago Thursday, was found on Saturday morning in Wadi Shalala near Kibbutz Tze'elim, about 15 kilometres away from Beersheba.

The body was found enmeshed in a thicket by two Beduin, who immediately ran to the nearest road to notify Beersheba police. The condition of the body pointed to the possibility that it had been covered by mud, which had been washed away only in the second flood in the wadi at the end of last week. This was perhaps the reason that the body had not been found despite continuous police searches with trackers and planes.

The body was taken to the Beersheba police station where it was identified by members of the family. Mr. Marwani leaves a wife and seven children, aged from eight months to nine years.

120 Immigrants

Over 120 immigrants from Eastern Europe arrived by air from Vienna on Thursday, bringing the week's total of immigrants arriving by air to over 500. *(Itim)*

EMERGENCY. — The Ceylon Government has extended the state of emergency for the 10th month in face of a threatened one-day token general strike this week.

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8 Israelis Sail On Tuna Clipper

HAIFA. — The Japanese tuna clipper "Shinyo Maru" left for her third trip on behalf of the Israeli-Nippon Fishing Company on Friday.

This time she took eight young Israel fishermen who want to learn the trade. Seven are graduates of the Mevo'ot Yam Fishing School, and three have made one trip on the clipper already. She will fish in the Atlantic and is due back in three months.

Two members of the Japanese crew stayed behind to aid in fishing experiments in the Red Sea and off Haifa.

Representatives of the company said on Friday that the firm would order the first of its two own tuna clippers within 10 days. A nautical engineer visited Haifa last week to complete the plans for the clippers and modify them to local requirements.

An order for 25 tons of smoked tuna was received from Switzerland by the Dag-Ze plant in Haifa. The first shipment will leave next week. The order was placed as a result of a trial export.

Atomic Hoax Shuts Rail Luggage Office

LONDON (Reuter). — Rail travellers bound for Europe and Southern England were victims of a scare Thursday night when a hoaxer warned that a luggage office at London's main rail terminal, Victoria Station, might be radioactive.

A scientist from Britain's Atomic Energy Research Centre at Harwell was called to the station five hours after the stationmaster received a telephone call saying that a dangerous radioactive material had been left in error in the luggage office.

Just after midnight Dr. Bruce Smith arrived with a counter. Later he announced there was no radioactivity. But by that time, while the luggage office had remained sealed, many passengers had missed trains, including the boat train to Dover.

They would not leave without their luggage. Some passengers bound for Europe had passports and currency in their bags and would not leave although officials advised their luggage would be sent on.

21 Boys Arrested In Vandal Case

NEW YORK (INA). — Nineteen youngsters and two older boys were rounded up Thursday as the gang that wrecked an East Harlem synagogue Wednesday afternoon.

More than $2,000 damage was done on the Beth Hamedrosh Synagogue, scrolls were torn, windows broken and furniture smashed.

Detectives found a school paper on the floor of the synagogue and centred their investigation at the school which adjoins the rear of the synagogue. The roundup followed.

Angel Rodriguez, 19, and Angel Bonet 17, were charged with burglary, malicious mischief and delinquency. The boys, 8 to 15, were held on delinquency charges.

COLLABORATORS. — The Tunisian High Court has sentenced Mohammed Salah Msaili, a former Premier, to 10 years' imprisonment for collaboration with the French authorities while Tunisia was a French protectorate.

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HOLON: Dr. Dekor, 12a Shlkun Amami, Tel Gibborim.

Court Rejects Claim For Customs Dues

The High Court of Justice on Thursday made final an order nisi against the Tel Aviv Customs Collector, prohibiting him from collecting customs on building materials sold by the owners of the Nordau Plaza to the Lishem Company.

The building materials were brought into Israel free of customs and sales tax as they were intended for the construction of the motel, an approved enterprise. The owner of the hotel, Mr. Hachamov, had sold some of the materials to the Lishem Company without notifying the Collector of Customs. The company admitted that it should pay the sales tax on the materials which it had resold, but denied that it should pay the customs on them.

The High Court found that it was unreasonable to demand the customs payment from the firm, as it had bought the materials without knowing that no customs had been paid on them. The Collector of Customs was also ordered to pay IL180 in court costs. *(Itim)*

Three-Year Jail Term For Indecent Act

TEL AVIV. — A sentence of three years' imprisonment was passed on a truck driver, Akiva Gedalia, 37, by the Tel Aviv District Court on Thursday, for having performed an indecent act on a 10-year-old girl in his vehicle on the Geha road in Ramat Gan last November.

Gedalia pleaded guilty to the charge and also admitted to similar acts on three other girls a year previous to the incident.

Judge E. Malchi commented that the accused's act "was not far from rape." While the girl had not been harmed physically, the psychological effects on her of Gedalia's behaviour were "dreadful," the Judge said. He expressed the hope that the prison term would have a salutary effect and that Gedalia would turn over a new leaf on his release.

All the girls involved were from an orphanage where Gedalia's two sons are boarded. *(Itim)*

Jewellery Left In Taxi Recovered

HAIFA. — A woman tourist from France told police on Wednesday that she had left her bag containing IL1,000 worth of jewellery and 30,000 French Francs in a taxi in which she had travelled from Kiryat Motzkin to Haifa.

The police, with the help of the Taxi Drivers Association, found the cab and its driver found the bag, which was restored to the pleased tourist.

Self-Service At Postal Bank

HAIFA. — Police have booked for trial a man who withdrew from the Post Office Bank money which he had never deposited. He withdrew the sum of IL40 but it turned out there was no real money in his account.

Police discovered that the man had worked as a postal clerk himself, and during his service had credited himself with a deposit. He was released on bail pending trial. His name was not released.

MRS. LUCE PICKED ENVOY TO BRAZIL

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — President Eisenhower on Thursday nominated Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, former Ambassador to Italy, as the new Ambassador to Brazil, in succession to Mr. Ellis Briggs.

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3.30, 6.45, 9.45
ARNON: Battle of the V.I.
EDEN: The Brothers Karamazov.
OR GIL: Around the World in 80 Days. 5, 8.30.
ORION: Le lit c'est le lit.
ORNA: Is Love and War.
RON: Rediscovery.
SEMADAR: The Cranes are Flying.
ZION HALL: Touch.
TEL OR: Carmen.
EDISON: The Old Man and the Sea.
STUDIO: Le survivre.

TEL AVIV

3.30, 7.15, 9.15
ALLENBY: Jacobowsky and the Colonel. 3.30, 7, 9.30.
ARMON DAVID: Orders to Kill.
CHEN: God's Little Acre.
EDEN: Dance of Love. 3.30, 6.45, 9.45.
ESTHER: High School Confidential.
GAT: Christine.
MAKIM: Christine.
MOGRABI: The Key. 3.30, 7.15, 9.30.
MIGDALOR: Nathalie.
OFNIR: Mad Spell.
ORION: Macforio Morningstar, 3.30, 7, 9.15.
PEER: Impossible.
SHDEROTH: Designing Woman.
TAMAR: The Truth About Women.
TCHELET: When Love Begins
Warrior. 3.45, 7.30, 9.30.
YARON: The Ducks Ran Red.
TEL AVIV: The Inn of the Sixth Happiness. 3.15, 6.45, 9.30.
HOD: Perfect Furlough.
ZAMIR: Charmants garcons.
ZAFON: Les jeunes maris.

HAIFA

3.30, 6.45, 9
ARMON: Les amants.
EN DOR: Land Unknown.
ORLY: An Angel Passed in Brooklyn.
AMFITHEATRE: Stag Boy Shy.
ORAN: Le gorille vous salue bien (Secret Service Agent No. 1).
ATEMON: All Mine to Give.
MIRON: Opening shortly.
GAL OR: I Died A Thousand Times.
ORION: The Great Dictator.
MORIAH: No Time for Sergeants.
PEER: The Man Inside.
MAY: La chatte.
RAMAT GAN
RAMAT GAN: A Fight to Remember. 3.45, 7.15, 9.30.

Reunited by Radio At Hobby Show

TEL AVIV. — The Tenth Anniversary Hobbies Exhibition was on Thursday instrumental in re-establishing contact, by radio, between Esther Mastaro, of Kibbutz Ein Shemer, and her sister Lully, in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, whom she hadn't heard from in 13 years.

Contact was first established by chance by a radio "ham," Mr. Reuven Israeli, who operates the amateur radio stand at the hobby show. He tuned in on Lully, who is also a fervent "ham," on Wednesday and arranged for her sister to be at the receiver in Tel Aviv on Thursday. Esther's joy knew no bounds when she first heard her sister's voice over the earphones and then those of her 10- and six-year-old niece and nephew whom she has never seen.

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Sunday, March 8, 8.30
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Hadar Hall
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BENOVOT
Beit Hasam
Monday, March 9, 8.30
HAIFA
Armon Hall
Tuesday, March 10, 7 p.m.
(Closed performance for Zahal)
Tuesday, March 10, 9
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Where to Go

• **Meet the Israelis:—**
Tourists invited to meet Israelis at home. Information at Government Tourist Office, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.

JERUSALEM

• **Zoo:—**
Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. 9-6.

• **Film shows:—**
Israel Films daily, 11.30 a.m. Karen Hayesod Hall.

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• **Exhibitions:—**
Beaalel National Museum. 9-1; 3.30-6. Fridays 9-1; Saturdays 10-1. Permanent exhibition of Jewish Ceremonial Art; Gifts from England and other recent acquisitions; Far-Eastern Art (from the Jacob Pins collection); Children's Gouaches; Archaeological pieces; Samples of primitive sculpture.
Margrit Eichelberg: gouaches, pastels, drawings, collages and mosaics. Also: Paintings by 10 Israel Artists. Nora Studio, 9 Malmon Ave. 10-1, 3-6.
"Sculpture in Israel 1948-1958." Artists' House. 10-1.
New finds from excavations of the French Archaeological Mission at Beersheba. Chalcolithic Ossuaries from Asor. Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. 9-1, 3-6.

• **Round Table Discussion.—**
"The Import of Foreign Artists — Pro and Con," with Lea Perath, Israel Golan, Dr. P. Jacobi, Yehuda Ya'ari, and Avner Israeli. Beit Hillel, 8.30 p.m.

• **Lecture:—**
"The Meaning of Judaism in the State of Israel," by Prof. Y. Leibowitz, Beit Hillel, 8.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV

• **Theatre:—**
Habimah: "The Merchant of Venice" (popular prices). 8.
Ohel: "Five Finger Exercise," 8.30.
Cameri: "Look Homeward, Angel." 8.

• **Exhibitions:—**
Exhibition of seventeenth century Dutch Art, Helena Rubinstein Pavilion of the Tel Aviv Museum, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Modern Art in Israel. Artists & Sculptors' Gallery, Beit Hamelin, 26 Rehov Weizmann, 10-1, 4-7.

• **Tourist Service:—**
Visit Hadassah Club, 80 Rehov Hayarkon. Tel. 23220.
Wizo Club, 91 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 20208. 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

• **Zoological Gardens:—**
Open between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.

• **Z.O.A. House:—**
Tourist Service (9 a.m.-6 p.m.).

HAIFA

• **Tourist Service:—**
Hadassah Club, Youth Aliyah Offices, 22 Rehov Hahalutz, Tel. 67985.

• **Exhibitions:—**
Works by Haifa and the North Artists. Chagall House, 24 U.N.O. Ave., 10-1, 4-7. (Except Fridays).
Consumer Goods Exhibition. Leather Products. Industrial Design Exhibition Centre, Beit Hakranot, Haifa. 10-1, 4-7.
Evening of improvisations, with participation of cartoonists. Municipal Museum, Town Hall. 8 p.m. for the "Haifa Friends of Art." 9.30 p.m. for the general public.

REHOVOT

• **Theatre:—**
"A Touch of the Poet" (tickets purchased for February 26 are valid for this performance). 8.

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FORECAST: Partly cloudy, becoming more cloudy towards evening with probability of local showers.

Weather Synopsis: Barometric ridge over Eastern Mediterranean weakening. Cold front over the Black Sea moving southward.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	69	-4	5	5
Tiberias	78	—	15	15
Haifa Port	65	4	13	14
Natanya	86	3	13	14
Tel Aviv Kirya	—	—	—	14
Tel Aviv Port	66	—	13	13
Lydda Airport	65	1	13	14
Jerusalem	73	0	5	6
Beersheba	80	0	9	14
Sdom	42	11	15	17
Eilat	32	4	15	15

"A humidity at 8 p.m. B) Maximum temp. C) Minimum temp. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. S. Mikunis, M.K., and Mr. E. Habibi, M.K., from the 21st Congress of the Russian Communist Party in Moscow. (by El Al).

Prof. Robert Hofstadter, Professor of Applied Physics at Stanford University, for a week's visit as guest of the Weizmann Institute of Science. (by Cyprus Airways).

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Grossman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Karatz, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rikess and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Evans, from Minneapolis, to tour the country under the auspices of the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Joseph Noirere, of Tanganyika, to participate in the International Socialist Youth seminar. (by Olympic Airways).

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jacobs, of New York. Mrs. Jacobs is honorary vice-president of Hadassah. (by s.s. Israel).

Dr. Emanuel Gamoran, Educational Adviser to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Mrs. Gamoran, a member of the National Board of Hadassah. (by s.s. Israel).

Mrs. Sue Rosen, until recently director of Hadassah's Purchasing Department in New York. (by s.s. Herzl).

Rachel Korn, the poetess, from Montreal.

Leib Ulitzki, the author and translator from Poland, in connection with the Sholom Aleichem centenary.

Mr. Julian Meltzer, Director of Public Relations at the Weizmann Institute, from a three-month visit to the U.S. on behalf of the Institute. (by El Al).

DEPARTURES

Mr. Frank Pelleg, pianist, for a six-week concert tour of Western Europe. (by Olympic Airways).

Egan-Aluf Dina Werth, to Europe, for a month's tour on behalf of the Israel Bond Organization. (by Cyprus Airways).

Col. James Cowley, British Military Attaché, for a week's visit to Cyprus. (by Cyprus Airways).

Mr. T. Levita, a "Ma'ariv" reporter, to Cyprus. (by Cyprus Airways).

Mr. Tyrone Guthrie, for England, after directing "The Merchant of Venice" for Habimah. (by El Al).

The head of the Israel Government Press and Information Department, Mr. David Landor, for Vienna, to make a study of the Austrian press.

ELECTRONIC equipment valued at IL4,000 was stolen from the Max Fine Vocational School in Tel Aviv.

Roads Back to Normal As Weather Gets Better

Jerusalem Post Staff

Road communications, which had been cut off in various parts of the country last week, returned to normal on Saturday night in the wake of better weather.

The forecast for today is partly cloudy with the probability of local showers towards evening.

The Beersheba-Eilat road was reopened to traffic in the evening, but was limited to vehicles up to seven tons. Earlier the road had been blocked in several places by cars and trucks that had skidded on the mud that had been swept onto the highway by the wind and rain. On Friday, a heavily loaded truck slipped at Ma'ale Ha'atzmaut near Mitspe Ramon and blocked traffic. A public Works Department bulldozer that was sent to clear the road also skidded and set up a block further along the road.

An Eilat-bound bus and two buses from Eilat were held up on both sides of the barrier at Ma'ale Ha'atzmaut and after changing passengers, each returned in the opposite direction.

In Eilat, loading of cement aboard the s.s. Kessaryo stopped on Friday for lack of cargo which was held up on the Eilat road. On Friday night, Eilat enjoyed the coldest night of the year when temperatures plummeted to 3.5 degrees C. Snow was also visible on the Hills of Edom on the Jordan side of the border.

Strong westerly crosswinds also foiled a number of landing attempts by an Arkia Dakota plane which was forced to circle over the bay of Eilat for 45 minutes before landing.

The Egged management announced that it was postponing for one week its scheduled doubling of buses on the Eilat run, because of the difficult road conditions.

Seven automobile accidents were reported throughout the Negev on Saturday as due to the weather. Six persons were slightly injured and were taken to Hadassah Hospital in Beersheba.

Two soldiers who were hurt in accidents near Kibbutz Nirim could not be reached by ambulance and were evacuated to the hospital by helicopter.

In Beersheba, 200 telephones were put out of service when rain penetrated the cables and had linesmen working round the clock to restore service.

In Western and Upper Galilee "real" winter descended once again on Friday, when some 30 cms. of snow buried roads and fields, and stopped traffic for the third time in the past ten days. Nahariya cafes had a brisk business catering to visitors who came to look at the town's houses and trees covered with snow.

Haifa, though, enjoyed sunny spring-like weather.

On Friday, on the Acre-Safad road, near Meron, nine Egged "Tiger" buses were stuck in deep snow and their passengers had to be "rescued" by the Safad police. Women and children were taken to the Mt. Canaan police station, where they were given hot drinks and blankets. Later, mechanical equipment from the Public Works Department cleared the road and all passengers were taken home.

Jerusalem had sub-zero temperatures during Friday night, but despite the icy roads, no traffic accidents were reported over the weekend.

In Tel Aviv, the weather cleared up on Saturday and except for some light rains in the morning, the day was generally sunny. In the afternoon, there was a perceptible rise in temperature.

"Rescuer" Left On Road Shivering

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A soldier who jumped into a raging wadi near Kibbutz Nirim on Friday to save a girl soldier from certain drowning, was left standing on the road in his dripping underwear when the ambulance that was called sped off to hospital with the girl.

The soldier had not been able to get the girl out of the wadi alone, and was himself soon engulfed by the waters. The two were saved by another group of soldiers.

When the ambulance finally did come, the unconscious girl was put into it, but the shivering soldier was left on the road. He finally got to nearby Kibbutz Magen where he received first aid.

Tax Relief Seen For Needy Families

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV. — Special measures to guarantee workers earning less than IL300 per month some form of compensation for the recent increase in the cost of living were discussed on Friday at a meeting between the Ministers of Finance and of Commerce and Industry and the Secretary General of the Histadrut, and the Head of the Trades Union Department.

It is understood that the main proposals were for compensation of lower income bracket families for the end of sugar and coffee rationing today and would take the form of bigger income tax exemption.

A Histadrut spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that some concrete proposals were expected within a few days. He said that Mr. Lavon and Mr. Becker informed the Ministers that if such proposals were not forthcoming, the Histadrut would reserve the right to call on the Government to reconsider its present policy which led to the increased cost of living.

The meeting also considered the problem of the compulsory immigration loan and how the rights of workers who had contributed voluntarily might be preserved within the new framework. It was announced that a decision would be made within a few days to ensure that such contributors would not suffer from their participation in the immigration loan effort.

Belgian Industrialists Arrive for Visit

LYDDA AIRPORT. — A delegation of 19 Belgian industrialists and bankers arrived here on Saturday night accompanied by Ambassador Gideon Raphael for a week's visit as guests of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The visitors will study investment possibilities here.

Jaffa Downs Haifa Maccabi; Honours Race Wide Open

Jerusalem Post Staff

Despite the pundits, the Israel Football Association did not act as hastily this week as last, so that all but two of the National and League A fixtures were played off on Saturday. Of the leading four clubs, only Tel Aviv Maccabi won, with an easy 4-1 defeat of Petah Tikva Maccabi. Leaders Haifa Maccabi went down 2-1 to their clubmates at Jaffa, and second and third-placed Haifa Hapoel and Petah Tikva Hapoel drew 1-1 in Haifa. This busts the honours race wide open again (see table below).

Also in League A, leaders Kiryat Haim Hapoel lost to promotion-challengers Tel Aviv Shimshon, 2-0. They now lead by one point from three sides, Shimshon, Rehovot Hapoel, who beat Hadera Hapoel, 2-1, and Mahane Yehuda Hapoel, who won 2-0 at Afula.

The National League fixture between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv's Hapoel teams did not come off, nor did the League A game between Bnei Yehuda and Tel Aviv Hakoah. With two games in hand, both these sides, who have 13 points apiece, are still in the promotion reckoning.

Jaffa Maccabi led 1-0 at halftime over Haifa Maccabi, with a goal from centre-forward, Bochus, in the 43rd minute. An equalizer came from inside-right Amar, three minutes after the restart, but Elazar, outside-right, clinched matters for Jaffa five minutes before the final whistle.

8,000 Spectators

In Haifa, 8,000 fans turned out in clear winter sunshine to watch the honours-aspirants miss many scoring chances through bad shooting. The local Hapoel team were on top in the first half, but it was Petah Tikva Hapoel's inside left Ratzabi who headed in a nice shot from eight metres on the quarter hour. One minute from the interval, Haifa's inside left, Ginsburg, headed in the equalizer, past an efficient and until-then goal-saving Visoker.

Tel Aviv Maccabi's forward line was in great form, and led 3-1 at half-time. Fieshel got two, and Nahmias and Remik one each for Tel Aviv, with Amicah Carmeli netting the consolation goal for the home side. Tel Aviv Betar forced a draw with Natanya Maccabi on the Jaffa ground with a goal from Josef Gleig 10 minutes from the end, to level the one put in by Natanya's inside left, Granes, in the 67th minute.

At Kfar Saba it was also a last minute goal that gave the local Hapoel XI a 3-3 draw with Ramat Gan Hapoel. Right-half Kirshenbaum, 7th minute, and centre-forward Nachshon, 13th, set Ramat Gan on the path to victory but Kochav, in the 34th, and inside-left Vidra, in the closing minutes, gave bottom-placed Kfar Saba a useful point.

Champions Tel Aviv Maccabi, who recently returned from Bulgaria (where they suffered two losses against Akademic), did not have it all their own way over Jerusalem Hapoel in their Basketball League date. They won by 71-62, after leading in the first half 37-30 in the Beit Hahistadrut gym hall on Friday night before 400 fans.

Maccabi were not up to their standard and missed many shots. Twice during the game Hapoel had the upper hand and led by four and five points, and Maccabi had to fight very hard to gain the lead and the victory.

STANDINGS — NATIONAL LEAGUE

Haifa Mac.	13	36-12	19
Petah T. Hap.	13	29-12	18
Haifa Hap.	13	26-13	17
Tel Aviv Mac.	13	17- 7	16
Ramat G. Hap.	13	20-16	14
Natanya Mac.	13	14-17	13
Jaffa Mac.	13	13-21	13
Jerusalem Hap.	12	11-13	13
T.A. Hap.	11	14-12	10
T.A. Betar	12	10-19	8
Petah T. Mac.	13	11-25	7
Kfar Saba Hap.	13	13-34	3

RESULTS: League A: Afula Hap. 0, Mahane Y. Hap. 2; Hadera Mac. 0, Ir'lem Betar 2; Rehovot Hap. 2, Hadera Hap. 1; Rehovot Mac. 0, Sha'arayim Mac. 1; T.A. Shimshon 2, Kiryat H. Hap. 0.

STANDINGS — LEAGUE A

Kiryat H. Hap.	13	23-10	17
Rehovot Hap.	13	21-11	16
T.A. Shimshon	13	12-11	16
Mahane Y. Hap.	13	19-20	16
Bnei Yehuda	11	21-11	13
Hadera Hap.	13	26-17	13
T.A. Hakoah	11	15-10	12
Hadera Mac.	13	17-20	11
Sha'arayim Mac.	12	21-23	11
Rehovot Mac.	13	15-22	10
Ir'lem Betar	12	21-28	9
Afula Hap.	13	5-25	5

BASKETBALL: Haifa Mac. 61, Giv'at Brenner Hap. 60; Holon Hap. 44, T.A. Hap. 47; Maccabi Hadarom 36, Mishmar Ha'emek Hap. 41; Jerusalem Hap. 62, T.A. Mac. 71. **BOXING:** In a tournament held in Lydda, the nicest fight was in the lightweight division when Elimelech Armon, of Bat Yam Hapoel, beat Avram Shapiro, of Tel Aviv Maccabi. **HANDBALL:** First Division: Petah T. Hap. 6, Rehovot Hap. 5; Ramat G. Mac. 9, Maccabi Nasadora 8. **FENCING:** Brit Maccabi Atid beat Asa, of Haifa, in floret, 7-2; sabre, 8-1.

Bolton Out of Cup — Arsenal Beat United

Cup-holders, Bolton Wanderers, were knocked out of the English Football Association Cup on Saturday when they were defeated 2-1 by Nottingham Forest. The three other 6th Round ties were drawn with Division III "Giant-Killers" Norwich City forcing a home replay with Sheffield United.

In League games, Division I leaders, Arsenal, despite fielding reserves because of injuries inflicted the first defeat in 13 games on Manchester United, their nearest challengers, winning 3-2 before a 67,000 crowd at Highbury.

MEXICAN-INDIAN BOY STUDYING TO BE RABBI

NEW YORK (INA).—The 13-year-old son of a Mexican Indian has been enrolled at Talmud Torah in Brooklyn, making him the first Indian Jew to study for the Rabbinate, officials of the Torah Voda'at School have reported.

Shimon Ben Abraham de la Vega Carbajal, of Mexico City, is the son of a convert to Judaism and a mother who is descended from the Marranos. He was sent to the seminary by his grandfather on his mother's side, Jose Carbajal, who had dedicated his life to bringing to the Jewish faith Indian families who intermarried with Marranos. Torah Voda'at officials said that the grandfather, who is 75, fears that his efforts will soon come to an end and, therefore, arranged for his grandson to come to the Brooklyn seminary where he is studying English, Hebrew and Yiddish.

Seminary officials said that the boy, who was enrolled last September, has been making "encouraging progress." Assuming that he continues to maintain scholarship standards, he will be graduated and ordained as a rabbi in 10 years.

The boy's father is a factory worker who earns too little to pay for his son's tuition and so the boy is attending on a full scholarship.

There are at least two colonies with a total of 100 intermarried families in Mexico City, an official said, adding that the grandfather has brought to Judaism 18 families.

JPA Mission Starts Fact-Finding Tour with Visit to Rehovot

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Less than 24 hours after leaving London airport in beautiful sunshine, the 36 members of the first Joint Palestine Appeal-Keren Hayesod study mission from Great Britain were on Friday trudging through the mud and rain of Israel on the first day of their visit.

The day began with a hard-hitting talk by Mrs. Chaim Weizmann when she received the delegation at her home in Rehovot. "Don't talk about the Jewish State, but build it. It is much more important to talk less, and do more," she told the visitors.

Warning that difficult times were ahead, Mrs. Weizmann told the delegation that they should take nothing in the State for granted. It was the duty of Anglo-Jewry to share equally with the Jews of Israel on overcoming the absorption problems created by the new wave of immigration.

The Mission was then welcomed to the Institute by the Administrative Director, Mr. Aharon Remez, and the Chairman of the Scientific Committee, Prof. Gerhard M.J. Schmidt. Their tour of the Institute's buildings and laboratories started at the Daniel Sieff Research Institute, the 25th anniversary of which is to be celebrated in April.

Later, the guests were entertained to a buffet luncheon in the company of scientists and senior administrative officers at the Institute's Faculty Club.

Before leaving the Institute, two members of the party, Mr. H. Craps and Mr. S. Beckman, placed a wreath on Dr. Weizmann's grave on behalf of the Mission.

In the afternoon, the group visited Kfar Mordechai, a moshav near Gedera, the settlers of which are mostly immigrants from the U.K. and other Western countries.

Welcoming the delegation, Mr. David Ben Avraham, the chairman of the Village Committee, wished its members success "not only in raising funds, but in raising immigrants."

At a dinner party at the Sharon Hotel on Friday evening, the Mission was briefed on security problems by the Director General of the Ministry of Defence, Mr. S. Peres, and the Chief of Intelligence Branch, General Staff, Aluf Y. Harakavy. The dinner was attended by senior Army officers and officials of the Defence Ministry. On Saturday morning, a kiddush reception was given by the Director of the Israel Office of the British Zionist Federation and Mrs. Shlomo Temkin at their home in Herzliya.

Voters' Registry C'ttee Meets Bar-Yehuda

The Voters Registry Committee for the Knesset Elections met with the Minister of Interior, Mr. Israel Bar Yehuda, at Beit Sokolow in Tel Aviv on Thursday. It was officially announced yesterday. The committee approved and amended the Minister's suggestions on the hours that voters' lists would be posted, but postponed its discussion of suggestions for posting places.

Bus Overturning Injures Eight

HAIFA. — The rear wheel assembly of an Egged bus, travelling in the direction of Shfar Am on Friday, broke off near km. 5 of the Acre-Haifa highway, causing the bus to overturn.

Eight of the passengers were hurt, seven of them superficially. The eighth victim, Ahmed Ben-Moussa Khassoun, 21, was kept at the Rambam Hospital for further treatment.

Children's Matches Ignite Tender, Hut

HAIFA. — Children playing with matches were held responsible for a fire which completely destroyed a tender owned by the Hayevul Company parked in Rehov Shpire.

The fire broke out Saturday morning after the children tossed burning matches into a tin into which gasoline from the vehicle's tank was leaking. Both the tender and a storage hut belonging to the same company caught fire.

AS THE result of a walkout of the chorus during a dress rehearsal on Thursday, thus breaking their individual contracts with the opera, the Israel National Opera will present a star-studded cast on Saturday, March 7, at the premiere of "La Traviata." The Opera's 35 soloists volunteered to fill the ensemble parts.

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Nazi Propagandist To Lose Passport

BONN. — The Foreign Ministry has instructed the West German Embassy in Egypt to cancel the passport of the Nazi propagandist, Johannes von Leers, now living in Cairo under the name of Omar Amin von Leers, Foreign Minister von Brentano reported in an answer to a parliamentary question on Friday.

(Leers has been reported as heading an intelligence section dealing with Israel affairs in the Egyptian Ministry of Interior.)

Dr. von Brentano said von Leers' recent activity constituted a danger to the Federal Republic's interests. He added that envoys abroad have been instructed to check on activities of Germans who left the country after 1945 because of their Nazi activities and to report where they deemed passport cancellation necessary.

Legal charges have been brought here by the Social Democrat deputy, Mrs. Jeannette Wolf, against two income tax officials, named Kummel and Pascher, for slandering the memory of the dead and insulting Jewish women in Germany. Kummel, who had asserted he had been an S.S. leader, had remarked that not enough Jews had been killed and that "the filthy Jewish women louts should be undressed and whipped just as we did during the war."

In Karlsruhe, the Federal Court ordered the confiscation of all copies of an anti-Semitic pamphlet written by a Hamburg lumber merchant, Friedrich Nieland. But it will not prosecute him because "he had the right of freedom of expression."

(Reuter, INA, UPI)

Kissed for Defence Of Nazi Gauleiter

WARSAW (Reuter). — A Polish law professor who was under sentence of death in a German prison during World War II won a congratulatory kiss from the Public Prosecutor here on Friday for his brilliant speech in defence of a Nazi war criminal.

The chief prosecution witness also kissed Jerzy Sliwowski, Professor of Law at Lublin University, after his five-hour final speech on behalf of Erich Koch, last of the major Nazis on trial here for war crimes.

The prosecution has demanded the death sentence for Koch, Nazi *Gauleiter* in East Prussia and north-east Poland, accused of the murder of 400,000 Poles and Jews.

Prof. Sliwowski attacked the basis of the main charges that Koch had supervised police and S.S. activities in his territory. He declared he had a moral title to defend Koch "since I know how it is to await one's own death."

Jezreel Losses Estimated IL3m.

AFULA. — Damage to Agriculture from this year's drought in the Jezreel Plain is estimated at IL3m., and the area's farmers will ask the Government's help in covering their losses, Mr. A. Sulz, Belsan Valley District Council Chairman, said at an agricultural meeting at Kibbutz Shluhot on Friday.

The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. K. Luz, who was present, promised his ministry's help.

Ulbricht Acting For Grotewohl

BERLIN (Reuter). — The East German Prime Minister, Mr. Otto Grotewohl, has taken leave of absence on urgent medical advice, an official spokesman said in Leipzig on Saturday.

The spokesman said the Prime Minister's official duties were being carried out by First Deputy Prime Minister Walter Ulbricht, the Communist Party leader.

Pedlar Gets 17 Years for Slaying

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv District Court on Friday sentenced Albert Mizrahi, of the Yad Hama'avir *ma'bara*, to 17 years imprisonment for killing eight-year-old Vitali Sucerl last April. Mizrahi had been charged with murder but the Court changed the charge to manslaughter.

The Court found that Mizrahi, a candy vendor in the *ma'bara*, had strangled the boy after the boy had cursed him for not giving him free candy. Although witnesses testified Mizrahi had been heard to threaten to kill one of the *ma'bara* children in reprisal for their constant taunts, the Court gave him the benefit of the doubt and found that the killing was not premeditated, therefore changing the charge from murder to manslaughter.

After Mizrahi had strangled the boy in his shack he had shoved the body under his bed, where it was later discovered by the woman who lived with him. During the trial, Mizrahi was given a psychiatric examination. He was found legally sane although incurably psychotic, and capable of standing trial.

The Court agreed to his request that he be given psychiatric treatment during his imprisonment. The Court was composed of Judges P. Aviasar, E. Yoran and M. Czernobilsky. *(Itim.)*

Maltese Wreck Navy Dockyard

VALETTA (Reuter). — British Admiralty experts on Saturday surveyed Malta's riot-scarred Naval Dockyard to decide if work can be resumed normally after the weekend.

The central area is a wreckage-strewn scene of desolation after Friday's violence which broke out when 6,000 dockyard workers received notices they were being discharged from the Admiralty payroll at the end of March and being taken on by the South Wales ship-repairing firm of C. H. Bailey.

Bailey's are taking over the dockyard ship repair section from the Admiralty. Britain decided on this step because of the declining need for the dockyard facilities for naval vessels.

Salvage crews were trying to retrieve a mobile workshop which was thrown into one of the docks, while a clearing-up operation was going on among the charred ruins of storehouses and goods stacked on the quaysides. Damage was estimated as running into "a good few thousands of pounds."

About 10 persons were injured, including the dockyard superintendent, Admiral J. Lee Barber, who was manhandled and stoned by workers, but escaped with only slight injuries.

Construction Set For Negev Line

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Construction work on the high tension line that will connect the potash works at Sdom and the phosphate works at Oron with the national electric network will begin in May, it was reported here on Friday. The line will cost about IL4m. and will be completed in a year.

Connection of the potash works with the national network will lower electricity costs from 95 pr. to 35 pr. per k.w.h. It is planned to erect one transformer station at Sdom and one at Oron to serve the phosphate works there.

Police Inspectors Raised in Rank

As of Sunday, Inspectors Avraham Spiegelstein and Avraham Fleissig were raised to the rank of Chief Inspector.

With the reorganization of the Jerusalem Police division four months ago, Inspector Spiegelstein was nominated head of the Criminal Investigation Department and Inspector Fleissig head of the Traffic Department.

THE MARCH of Prutot began in the Negev on Saturday night with a ball in the Beit Ha'am in Beersheba. The campaign is being sponsored by Ilanshil-Polio. The countrywide drive begins today.



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Last Steam Engine 'Retired'; Railway Now All Diesel Run

Jerusalem Post Reporter

PETAH TIKVA. — The last steam locomotive of the Israel Railways was taken out of service on Friday. The line is now completely diesel-operated. At a ceremony here marking the occasion, it was reported that it is planned to extend the railway from its present 635 kilometres of track to 1,000 kilometres during the next two years and to build stations at Sdom, Dimona and Oron.

Mr. P. Ginsburg, Director General of the Ministry of Transport, Mr. M. Savidor, the General Manager of the Railways, and Mr. E. Efrati, a railway engineer, reported that since the establishment of the line, IL60m. has been invested in it, half during the past three years. The number of passengers using the railway has grown from 280,000 a year a decade ago to five million now.

The locomotive taken out of service — No. 21 — made its last journey from the South Tel Aviv station to the "steam locomotive graveyard" in Lydda.

In the War of Independence, No. 21 served as an armoured battering ram against the fortifications of the Arab-held town of Lydda.

The process of conversion to diesel engines began in 1952, and there are now in service 13 big diesel locomotives, 19 smaller diesel locomotives and 12 rail-cars.

The 90 steam locomotives were gradually replaced by the diesels because the latter are two-thirds cheaper to operate and their capacity is two to three times as great. They can pull heavier loads and can work for longer periods each day — 23 hours daily for the diesels as against 16 hours daily for the steam locomotives.

Among the other steam locomotives rusting away in the "graveyard" waiting to be sold for scrap is No. 70335 that began its service at the turn of the century and entered history when it carried the then High Commissioner on his first tour of the newly-opened lines, only to have the festive occasion ruined by its crashing into a truck.

Also among the relics is No. 70414, the subject of a popular Israel hit song; and Nos. 607, 613 and 550, all of them reaching Lydda as part of the booty of the Sinai Campaign.

The workshop at Lydda also repairs the new diesel engines, but there is less work in the diesel era. The diesels need a basic overhaul only once every nine years, while the steam locomotives required such an overhaul every three to four months. Moreover, if a part of the diesel engine is damaged, it is possible to replace temporarily the particular part with a new one, without the locomotives having to be taken out of service for a long period of time.

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Cables in Brief

AUDIENCE. — Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia has received in audience two ORT representatives, Mr. Robert Gilbert of London and Mr. Hermann Guggenheim of Basle, who are investigating the possibilities for starting a vocational and agricultural programme for Falashas in the Gondar region.

BATONS. — African women fled screaming through a barbed wire fence when about 60 armed policemen baton-charged more than 2,000 of them in the Lady Selborne African township near Pretoria, South Africa. The women had met to protest against identity cards and had jeered at police and newspapermen.

VANDAL. — An unknown person on Thursday buried acid over a Rubens painting, "The Descent into Hell," estimated to be worth 1m. marks in the Pinakothek Art Museum in Munich. About a fifth of the 2.88 by 2.25 metres painting, which was not insured, was destroyed, it was announced Saturday night.

INDIA. — The Indian Finance Minister on Saturday presented India's biggest-ever budget despite a cut in defence expenditure by nearly 10 per cent from last year. Proposed expenditure amounted to 8.391m. rupees (about £629,585,000) of which 2,426.8m. rupees (about £182m.) will go on defence.

VISIT. — King Paul of the Hellenes and Queen Frederica left Athens on Saturday in a special Olympic Airways aircraft for a five-day state visit to Ethiopia at the invitation of Emperor Haile Selassie.

CORRUPTION. — Mohammed Ayub Khuiko, former Pakistani Defence Minister was sentenced to five years' imprisonment by a special anti-corruption court for operating on the black market.

GHANA. — Ghana's second five-year development plan was laid before the National Assembly on Friday. The plan, to cost £342m., concentrates on the raising of agricultural efficiency and production and on increasing hydro-electric generating capacity.

U.N. Administration Expert to Israel

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — The Canadian chief of a special U.N. project for providing governments with skilled administrators, Dr. Hugh Keenlyside, was due to leave on Saturday for the Middle East and Africa.

He will arrive in Israel on March 12 for a week's consultations with the Development Ministry's Technological Advisory Board, composed of heads of governmental departments and U.N. technical experts.

He will also visit the Lebanon, Egypt, the Sudan, Ethiopia and Ghana.

Israel-Greece League Greets Cypriot People

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV. — A delegation of the Israel-Greece League on Friday called on the Greek Diplomatic Representative, Mr. Pavlos Pandermalis, and handed him a message saying that all lovers of peace "congratulate Archbishop Makarios, Colonel Grivas, the Cypriot people and all those who participated in the national struggle, on the occasion of their achieving independence, and wish them a long period of prosperity."

COMMITTEE AT EILAT

EILAT. — The Ministerial Economic Committee is expected here on an official visit on Sunday. The members of the Committee will be guests of honour at a reception to be held aboard the s.s. Kessarya now in port on the occasion of the inauguration of the Eilat-East and South Africa Line.

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Second Term For Burma's Caretaker

By DENNIS BLOODWORTH

SINGAPORE (OFNS). — THE last-minute agreement between Burma's two majority parties, which enabled the Chamber of Deputies to amend the Constitution so that General Ne Win, the Chief of Staff, could remain Prime Minister, will probably mean that for another year Britain's links with Burma will continue to be strengthened at the expense of both American and Soviet influence.

When Burma's ruling party, Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League (AFPFL), split into two factions last year and Premier U Nu was forced to resign, General Ne Win formed a caretaker Government with the agreement of both groups in order to prepare the country for general elections this April. The Constitution in any case stipulated that no Minister who had not been elected to Parliament could hold office for more than six months.

The General had declared that it would be impossible to organize clean elections in two months' time under peaceful conditions owing to the unsettled state of the country. At the same time he tendered his resignation to President U Win Maung because he felt he had lost the confidence of the left-wing faction of the AFPFL. This belief was reinforced when U Nu was reported to have called for a campaign of passive resistance against the Administration.

Period of Confusion

A period of confusion followed, for it became clear that neither faction of the AFPFL, which as a combined party held 146 out of 240 seats in the Chamber, would agree to let the leaders of the opposing group form a Cabinet and take over power until the next general elections — normally only due to be held in 1960. After much consultation, therefore, both factions agreed to support a Bill amending the Constitution and permitting the General to continue as Premier.

During its first months of office the Ne Win Government, which was pledged to attack inefficiency and corruption in the State, showed a rapidly increasing tendency to draw on British experience. The Prime Minister began employing British advisers to help run the national economy and invited a British subject to accept the rectorship of Rangoon University and to impose British standards of discipline and learning. He is known to have said that the Burmese should be made to understand and like the British. The Minister for Home Affairs also announced that in future the provincial administration of the country would be modelled on that introduced by the British in Burma before it became independent.

Meanwhile the Government has given two groups of American advisers notice to leave the country and I understand that it intends to get rid of Soviet advisers also. Military supervisors are examining all foreign assistance projects which have any strings attached, and are refusing to accept Russian aid which involves any form of payment.

As part of the "cleaning up" process, the Government has dismissed inefficient members of the Corporation of Rangoon and is enforcing new hygiene and sanitation measures. In the campaign against "economic insurgents," the banks are being ordered to open safe deposits for inspection and hoarders and speculators are being sent promptly to labour camps in the provinces.

But although Ne Win was brought into power partly in protest against U Nu's conciliatory policy towards the Communist rebels, his promised drive against the insurgents has not developed, for many unit commanders have been called in to supervise different branches of civil government.

Ne Win himself is known to have no desire to establish military rule in Burma or to govern indefinitely, but ambitious political colonels of his entourage have assumed almost dictatorial control over the Administration both in Rangoon and the provinces, and officers are to be found issuing orders in almost every Ministry. Anti-Communist and in sympathy with the right-wing of the AFPFL led by U Ba Swe and U Kyaw Nyein, they have carried out wholesale arrests of members of left-wing parties and student bodies, often holding them on unsubstantiated charges.

Some neutral observers believe that the constitutional amendment may have averted more than one crisis, for the colonels might have proved difficult to evict from their new positions of power had the General relinquished control of the country to the political parties. If and when the elections are finally held, there is little doubt that the Army officers will heavily back U Ba Swe, in the hope of continuing to wield influence behind the facade of his civilian Government.

AUSTERE ELECTIONS

THE suggestions made by Mr. Pinhas Lavon, Secretary-General of the Histadrut, at the end of last week for quieter and more austere Histadrut elections referred specifically to that body and to the political parties involved. These comprise about half of the total of political parties in the State. However, they offer a pointer to a situation which calls out for remedy, and the experience of trying to get parties which have a great deal in common to agree must prove a valuable indication of what might be achieved in connection with the Knesset elections later in the year.

One suggestion for the Histadrut elections — and it should not be forgotten that these involve nearly two-thirds of the population—was to postpone the active campaign until two months before the actual election date. Since the Passover festival falls within this period this would cut down the actual time of electioneering to six or seven weeks. It was also suggested that there should be a self-denying ordinance on national rallies; that we can well dispense with artists, entertainers and all similar manifestations; that the ears of the population be spared the assault of loudspeakers in the streets; that parties should not interfere with meetings or heckle the speakers of other parties. It was also suggested that political "revelations" and personal attacks be avoided and that the emphasis be placed on the ideological and political points at issue. Real austerity should be imposed on advertisements and propaganda material; a specific instance of what should be avoided which was quoted was the type of newspaper advertisement issued by Herut and the General Zionists. Party symbols should not be printed on walls and public places; parties should not stick their announcements over those of other parties. Finally, no party meetings should be held at places of work.

It was also suggested that Histadrut halls should be available to all parties in accordance with their present size, and that a committee be set up to work out detailed arrangements. Some of the above proposals, as can be seen, can only apply to Histadrut elections, but others would serve also for the Knesset elections themselves.

That the public is perturbed at the thought of the expenditure of so many millions in a year when it is being called upon to make special efforts to find the means to absorb a new wave of immigration is a fact with which the parties should seriously reckon. Lavish expenditure is likely to frighten off as many voters as it attracts. But even if this consideration did not arise, there would still be an overwhelming case to be made out for some rationalization of Knesset elections. The competition in display which has been the mode in the past is a poor advertisement for our democracy. It is also an affront to common sense, for politicians should realise that their parallel efforts cancel one another out.

In most advanced democratic countries there is a severe limitation on the amount of money that can be spent on elections. In Britain it amounts to only a few pennies per elector.

It is not easy to visualize a similar law limiting expenditure on electioneering that would be effective for the party list system, but it is also clear that without legislation not much can be achieved. The only hope of such legislation lies in strong pressure of public opinion which will impress on all parties the thought that there will be sharp criticism of any one of them that attempts to reduce the great four-yearly arbitrament of the nation to the level of a four-ring circus.



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Austerity Ahead for Ghana

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ACCRA. — The tour of Nigeria from which the Prime Minister, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, returned earlier this month, served to iron out a number of misunderstandings which had been used by certain circles in an attempt to create bad feeling between the two countries.

By the time Dr. Nkrumah said goodbye to the Sardauna of Sokoto, the Prime Minister of Northern Nigeria, there was complete accord between them, and the Sardauna had expressed his full understanding of Ghana's actions in deporting some Nigerian citizens who originally came from his region. Indeed, he publicly expressed his complete approval and, to bring the point right home, added that he would himself deal most stringently with any Ghanaian citizens who might be discovered taking part in subversive activity against the interests of Northern Nigeria.

Dr. Nkrumah's informal talks with the other Prime Ministers, Obafemi Awolowo of the Western Region, and Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, of the Eastern Region, did much to allay resentment, inspired to some extent by interested quarters, at Ghana's present position as spokesman for African aspirations. Nigeria's exclusion from the Conference of Independent African States, held in Accra last April, had pin-pricked particularly the leading personalities in Premier Awolowo's Action Group. The explanation which Dr. Nkrumah was able to make personally in the course of his visit has allayed fears that he has ambitions to make Ghana the dominant factor in any association of African States.

Triumphantly returned from his missions abroad, the Prime Minister, transformed now into the Life Chairman of the Convention People's Party, has continued the series of internal tours which, before his departure to India during last December, took him to the Northern Region and the Ashanti area. His latest visit has been to Takori-Sekondi and its environs in the Western Region. He was accompanied by several of his Ministers, who attended a regional executive meeting of the C.P.P. where he explained the draft of the party's new constitution which will come up for endorsement at the national level later this year.

Socialist Pattern

This draft constitution explains that the achievement of national independence had been the objective of the party when it was formed, but now that this "first revolution" has been completed, the new aim is the attainment of national reconstruction and the transformation of national life in terms of a socialist pattern of society. This is described as the "second phase of the revolution."

It seemed appropriate, therefore, that the Prime Minister should have taken advantage of the occasion to announce the Government's intention to present very shortly a five-year development programme for which a sum of G£240 million (£240 million sterling) will be set aside. The money, Dr. Nkrumah stated, would come not from outside sources but from Ghana's own revenue. The crowd of 30,000 which had rallied to hear him speak in Sekondi greeted the announcement exuberantly, though perhaps they did not fully understand his statement that "this money does not come from heaven. It must come from somewhere else; and you know it comes from you."

At the present time, Ghana is spending much more than the economy can really afford on the importation of foodstuffs and luxury goods. In this country there is a mass of people who live at a subsistence level or a little way above it, while at the same time there is increased demand for the kind of goods which go with standards of living associated with advanced industrialization. Reconciliation of these poles is out of the question. If Ghana is to attain economic emancipation from foreign vested interests as a corollary to political independence, a period of enforced austerity, among other measures, would appear to be inevitable.

FRIDAY'S PRESS

Civil Service Salary Scale Inadequate

Ha'aretz (non-party) which finds it easy to understand both the attitude of the Civil Service Commission and the resentment of our senior civil servants at seeing themselves earning less than their professional subordinates, avers that the whole situation is the fruit of thoughtlessness and cannot be cleared up until the Government works out a consistent and uniform national salary policy.

Noting the necessity for the compulsory loan, Davar (Histadrut) challenges the opposition to specify just how the expenditure budget can be pared down without seriously harming our national activities, then goes on to hail Mr Eshkol's courage for choosing the unpopular course of imposing taxes, and this in an election year, instead of getting the currency presses rolling.

With the acquittal of Aluf-Mishne Shadmi and the coming verdict on the appeal of the convicted in the Kafr Kasim case, Haboker (General Zionist) calls for specific directives setting the limits of authority and responsibility for Army orders.

Lamerhav (Ahdut Ha'avoda) congratulates Aluf-Mishne Shadmi on his insistence on standing trial, and the Army on airing the matter in public.

Herut mourns Dr. Selig Sosskin, the veteran land settlement expert and father of intensive cultivation in this country.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam), Omer (Histadrut) and Lamerhav thank the Rumanian Government for its humanitarianism in releasing Jews, reject emphatically Bucharest's allegations of Zionist plotting, and tell the Arabs that just as emigration from Rumania is Rumania's affair so immigration to this country is Israel's affair.



The last Israel Railways steam locomotive, which was taken out of commission last week. Photo by Sussknd

The Last Locomotive

By SHIMON APPLEBAUM

IN 1948, our brigade H.Q. was at the top of Har Cna'an, and our Signals, supernumerary to their routine duties, exploited the laxity of the transitional period between warring republic and established State to indulge in a little private broadcasting to the ranks in the forward line around Rosh Pinah. As many of these were "Mahalniks," I volunteered to give a few news talks in English, and on one occasion, after having delivered the current political sketch, added: "Plans are being drawn up to lay a direct railway line from Tel Aviv to Haifa. So the time is not far off when the citrus groves of the maritime plain will be woken by the shriek and roar of a crack Jewish 10.30 limited speeding its passengers between the two towns!"

Unromantic Diesel

Vain picture! The railway was built, but the steam locomotive has not lived to realize the dream, and in its place the elephantine and unromantic Diesel growls its way among the orange-blossoms. Gone even are the days when, long ago, as our kibbutz lay camped by the railway line at Binyamina, I could enjoy the handsome "Pacific" which hauled the trains northward, in the knowledge that, *inter alia*, it was bringing Jews out of Egypt.

With all my sensitivity to the red-striped Diesel which bears us up to Jerusalem with a *shofar*-like blare worthy of its Davidic destination and its messianic mission, I must admit that the old Cana'anite steam locomotive still holds my fancy. Its appeal is an ancient theme:

Confound romance! —
And all unseen
Romance brought in
the Nine-fifteen.

Just so — as thousands of schoolboys knew in days not quite yet gone, although the jet-propelled plane and the high-power racer bid fair to replace the locomotive among the power-symbols which appear necessary to pre-adolescent emotions. All the same, many of us remain boys, and the poetic antiquarian instinct may not die. I shall not easily forget Bletchley Station, where an express train streaks through, to quote "Punch," "like the crack of doom" — every three minutes — or the face of my companion, the Israel *shaliah*, who saw it.

With steam goes the heroic age of railways, which Israel barely knew, for our heroics have been a little different. From various corners of Britain (and no doubt of other lands) one hears of the steady closing down of branch-lines in the face of the ubiquitous bus, for all that Britain must be the most "railway minded" country in the world with its railway clubs, and its devoted amateurs who note the engine numbers at the termini or along the line. The day is close when there will be a chair of Railway Archaeology at some progressive University, whose students will track down, and even cut sections through, forgotten railway-lines — forgotten much as the Turkish line from Beersheba to Nitzana has been forgotten, and county histories will be written about them.

In the meantime, yesterday's power-symbols are today's toys, and my little girl plays with a wooden engine, all unaware how elemental was its significance to her father.

PEN FRIENDS

HARRY S. KOOPMAN, 18, of 17 Brookside Blvd., West Hartford, Conn., U.S.A., is very eager to have Israel pen friends. His hobby is collecting coins.

STEEN STENDERUP, 14, of Hospitalsvej 1, Copenhagen F, Denmark, would like to have pen friends of his age. He is a Protestant. He can write in English and Danish and his interests are stamps and labels (beer, minerals, etc.).

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Time Needed for Pure Research

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I do not wish to quarrel with a colleague in public, but I cannot leave Mr. M. Arens' letter in your issue of February 10 unopposed.

Mr. Arens expresses the opinion that pure research is justified only if unlimited financial resources are available, and if this is not the case, as for instance in Israel, there is no choice but to concentrate the talents of the country on the solution of particular technical problems facing it. But the best answer to this is contained in your issue of February 16, in the article on "H.U. Research for Space Radar," from which I quote. There arises "one of the many instances when pure research suddenly assumes applied significance, showing that *it is practically impossible to predict and plan applied research in advance.*"

Moreover, pure research is not as costly as the layman may think. As a matter of fact it requires mostly paper and pencil and sleepless nights. When Einstein found that matter was convertible into energy, he was a minor official in a Government Office, and he did his pure research in his spare time. His research did not cost anything, and was considered of no possible application. Today we are afraid that it may lead to the destruction of all of us.

So give the talents of the country at least some spare time to do pure research, and let them choose their problems in accordance with their own interests.

I cannot hide the fact that I am a Technion Professor, but I want to emphasize that neither my view of the subject nor, as far as I know, Mr. Arens' view, expresses the considered opinion of the Technion authorities on this matter of policy regarding research.

Yours, etc.
M. REINER

Haifa, February 23.

RESERVE DUTY PAYMENT

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As an army reservist I have been called up during the past decade at least 10 times, totalling over 300 days (not including periods of up to three days, which are either deducted from my annual leave or not paid for).

Being a bachelor, I get a 50 per cent refund of pay out of a maximum IL300 monthly salary. This includes IL1.100 per diem, which is given to a reservist by the Army in the form of food, pocket money, etc. The result: IL3.940 per day, which is equal to a monthly salary of IL118.

Could you please help me understand how one is expected to meet one's current obligations out of this sum which, I believe, differs in each case, and still remain honest?

Furthermore — and this is the main point which I wish to emphasize — why does only a small section of the population have to bear this heavy financial burden every year (not to mention other problems and inconveniences connected with army call-up). Is it not high time to remedy this obvious injustice by dividing at least the financial burden equally among all citizens, taking into account earnings, or by other just means?

Yours, etc.
J. S.
(Name and Address Supplied)

Tel Aviv, January 15.

Ministry Replies

The Defence Service Law imposes the obligation of reserve duty on every Israel citizen and every permanent resident up to the age of 49. In order to ease the burden of every reservist as much as possible, an Equalization Fund was established to cover the financial loss incurred by the reservist to an amount of 50 to 80 per cent of a certain monthly salary (in accordance with his family situation).

The Ministry of Defence and Zahal are not the authority to whom this complaint should be addressed as they are only the executive authority; any complaint or suggestion for a change in the law should be addressed to the Legislative authority — the Knesset.

E. HARUSSI
Public Relations
Ministry of Defence

Tel Aviv, February 2.

JAYWALKING

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — One reads about road accidents daily, but one means of prevention is badly neglected in our country. I have just returned from abroad where I saw pedestrians guilty of jaywalking being fined everywhere — some had to pay the fine on the spot.

Would it not be possible for our police to enforce this regulation a little more stringently?

Yours, etc.
JULIUS KAHN

Ramot Hashavim, Feb. 19.

Readers' Letters

MUSICAL DIARY

Jokes and Snow

The Kol Yisrael Orchestra, René Leibowitz, conductor (Y.M.C.A., Jerusalem, February 24). Mozart: "Musical Joke", K. 522; Schubert-Webern: Six German Dances; Lanner-E. I. Kahn: Waltzes; Debussy-Ravel: Sarabande et Danse; Stravinsky: Suites Nos. 1 and 2; Rossini: Overture "Semiramide".

IN his second concert with the Kol Yisrael Orchestra, René Leibowitz appeared not in his role as propagandist of modern and twelve-tone music, but as interpreter of lighter, more entertaining fare (he has recorded many operettas by Offenbach on French discs). Some of the works chosen were modern orchestrations of "classical" dances, demonstrating the interest on the part of "progressives" for music of the past.

Unfortunately, most of their colourful instrumentation was lost, as the full impact of the orchestra was felt only in the course of the concert. Jerusalem was snowbound that evening and, as transport had stopped, musicians living in outlying districts had to walk to the Y.M.C.A. It speaks highly for the *esprit de corps* of the Kol Yisrael Orchestra that none of the essential instruments was missing and the performance went off without any serious hitch.

The "wrong" notes composed by Mozart (to make fun of horn-players as much as of his minor colleagues in composition) were played with the necessary conviction, the French horns especially taking advantage of the opportunity to play wrong notes. The leader, Isiah Braker, in many solo passages again showed his sound technique, fine tone and able musicianship. The Lanner Waltzes had the authentic lilt of what one expects of a real Viennese Waltz.

If further proof of the orchestra's rising popularity was needed, it was demonstrated by the large audience, despite the inclement weather.

Y. BOEHM

Abroad

NETANIA Dovrat, the Jerusalem singer, is about to return from the United States, where she has been studying on the American-Israel Cultural Foundation's Norman prize which she won in 1956. She has been under the tuition of Mrs. Freshel (the teacher of Marian Anderson and many other Metropolitan Opera singers) and later with Jennie Tourel.

During the Aspen Summer Seminary Miss Dovrat made successful appearances in the title role of "Suor Angelica" by Puccini, and the Fiordiligi in "Cosi fan tutte" by Mozart. "Musical America" reports from Aspen: "Netania Dovrat's glorious singing and splendid acting as Fiordiligi showed real operatic flair."

Sol Hurok offered Miss Dovrat a contract for appearances in the U.S., but she declined in order to return to Israel. Jennie Tourel is sending with Miss Dovrat most of her stage clothes, as a contribution to the Israel National Opera.

UJA Concert

LEOPOLD Stokovsky conducted the Symphony of the Air at Carnegie Hall, New York, on February 16 in a concert in aid of the U.J.A. The programme included Paul Ben-Haim's Suite "From Israel" and Oedoen Partos' Symphonic — Fantasy "Ein Gev."

The New York "World Telegram and Sun" found Ben-Haim's work "a compound of warmth, colour and deep folk-feeling," while the Partos Fantasy "belongs in any orchestra's repertory."

John Briggs ("New York Times") writes that Ben-Haim's suite is "a well-constructed work, it shows the composer rich in musical inventiveness." Harriet Johnson ("New York Post") pronounced the Ben-Haim work "appealing, picturesque," and the Partos "significant and stirring."

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Izler Solomon conducted Ben-Haim's First Symphony in a "Salute to Tel Aviv" concert, which took place in Indianapolis recently. *Y. B.*

Vogel's 'Jonah'

Wladimir Vogel's "Jonah" Oratorio after Martin Buber's German text of the Bible.

THE performance of Wladimir Vogel's "In spite of all that — Jonah Went to Nineveh," under the baton of Hans Schmidt-Isserstedt, which was broadcast recently by the Norddeutscher Rundfunk, was a major musical event. Vogel, one of Ferruccio Busoni's last pupils, is one of the greatest and most characteristic of those modern composers who do not carry their modernism too far. This latest work is a masterpiece, and was received enthusiastically by both the public and experts, although its musical language (the twelve-tone scale) and its combination of instruments (baritone, four-voice recitative choir, mixed singing choir, and orchestra) are novel and unconventional. The most important is the recitative choir, which recites the events of the Book of Jonah. This novel form of choral effect also impersonates the voice of God, while the mixed singing choir takes over only the various forms of "THOU" and "HE," standing for the name of God, which are capitalized in Buber's text. As an oratorio composer, Vogel displays a definitely original and novel style.

The "Basler Nationalzeitung" commented on the performance: "... The orchestral voices magnify the text. When Jonah is cast forth from the whale's mouth, the listener can imagine the event in a direct, visual way .... After only one hearing, the music is clearly imprinted in the listener's memory, because Vogel's music has a suggestive power unrivalled in other modern compositions."

The 40-minute-long oratorio is the first of a trilogy called "Leviathan," which is to symbolize the relation of man to the primeval forces of Nature, in the form of a three-stage battle with the ocean and its giant fish. It was inspired by Martin Buber's ingenious and forceful language, which conveys the spirit of the original text with extraordinary fidelity.

A. J.-L.

Dutch on Boscovitch

URIEL Boscovitch's Oboe Concerto was recently performed over Hilversum by the Dutch Labour Broadcasting (V.A.R.A.) Orchestra. The soloist was the Israel oboeist Bram Blez, who originates from Holland, and to whom the composer dedicated this work.

Both the concerto itself and the performance were praised by the Dutch press. "Het Parool" wrote: The Concerto is based on the best European traditions of composition, crossed with a clear Oriental expression, immediately recognizable in its colour and its melody, but in such a manner that the crossing has become a natural blending. Boscovitch may not be a 'great' composer, but he is a real composer. Everything in this composition is honest and alive... The work certainly deserves to be more often performed in this country. In his rendering of the solo part, which makes very heavy demands of the soloist, Blez gave a performance which made it understandable why Boscovitch dedicated the work to him."

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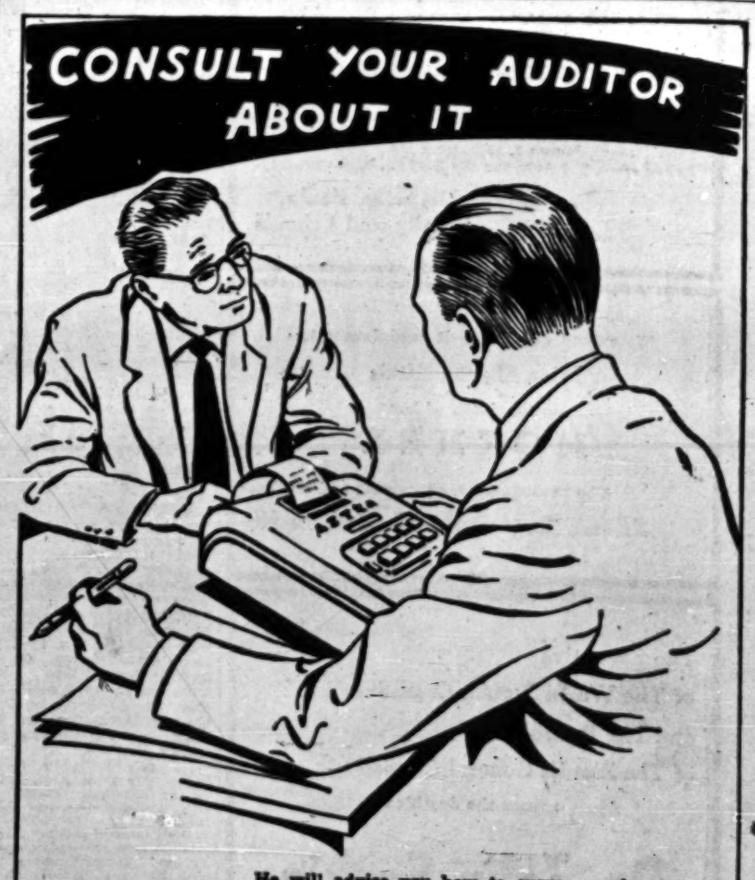
NATURE NOTES

Monkeys and Ulcers

WE know that ulcers of the stomach are a consequence of our age of anxiety, of the stress that business executives especially suffer from. Now an Army research centre in Washington has found scientific support for this theory by carrying out a cruel but enlightening experiment with monkeys. The poor things were placed in chairs which effectively restrained their movements, except for the limbs. Their feet were given regular electric shocks at short intervals, but they could avoid these by pressing down a handle. They learned soon enough, but the strain of it all, being under threat of the shock and under the compulsion of constantly watching out and pressing the lever, induced duodenal ulcers in a number of the objects of this test!

One thing about it has so far remained a puzzle. The monkeys were allowed periods of rest, the conclusion of which was indicated by a red light. They rapidly learned this too, knowing that they could relax only while the light was *not* on. Now the curious result is this: monkeys subjected to this treatment for 30 minutes, alternating with 30 minutes' rest, were quite unharmed after weeks, but a schedule of six hours on and six hours off soon produced the ulcers. Moreover, it seems that this six-hour routine is the dangerous one. For even longer hours of "work" with shorter rests were not harmful either. Here lies the interest.

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